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# NZ firm buys Pizza Hut franchise

By JON PEREZ jon\_perez@saipantribune.com

estaurant Brands New Zealand Ltd. has acquired the lone Pizza Hut franchise on Saipan following a multimillion-dollar deal . with Pacific Island Restaurants Inc., the largest fast-food operator in Hawaii. The 100-percent acquisition was reported on RBNZ's website last month.

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#### **2016 LAS VEGAS NIGHT**

#### *Tribune* reporter wins grand prize

By MICHAEL T. SANTOS

REPORTER

Holding winning ticket number 08572, Saipan Tribune senior reporter Ferdinand de la Torre won the grand prize of either a 2016 Mazda

3 or \$10,000 during Rotary Club of Saipan's annual Las Vegas Night held at the Saipan World Resort last Saturday.

He was not present to receive the prize in person but since a win-

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Rotary Club of Saipan president Ivan Ilmov spins a container of tickets for the grand prize during the Las Vegas Night event held at the Saipan World Resort on Nov. 5, 2016. MICHAEL T. SANTOS



#### MILLENNIUM GATES SCHOLARS

Eight of the 11 CNMI scholars this year attend the final Gates Millennium Scholars Program leadership conference in Santa Clara Marriot. Front row from left: Nimei George, Eastern Oregon University; Roselyn B. Tanghal, University of California, Irvine; Thomas Lee A. Mangloña, University of California, Berkeley; Mary Grace S. Tiglao, University of Portland; and Eliezha May Mendoza, University of California, Santa Barbara. Back row from left: Victor Castro, Eastern Oregon University; Elizabeth Basa, Eastern Oregon University; Odorico San Nicolas, University of California, Irvine. The conference theme is "Leadership through service: unlocking unlimited potential."

## In 6 days, total of 4,331 early voters

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

ferdie\_delatorre@saipantribune.com REPORTER

A total of 4,331 votes were cast in the first six days of early voting on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. The seven-day early voting period will end

today, Monday.

» CEC tests 7 The Commonwealth tabulating Election Commission machines expects a large turn-

today, said administrative officer Kayla Igitol.

As this developed, the Commonwealth Election Commission will meet at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-

out on the last day of early voting Purpose Center in Susupe tomorrow at 2pm

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Bill Maher got an early holiday gift this week: a down with President Obama.

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## Local

## YOUR CANDIDATES IN THE 2016 ELECTIONS

Editor's Note: The Saipan Tribune attempted to collect information on all candidates. Only a few were able to provide responses within deadline.

#### **JUDGE'S RETENTION**

Name: CAMACHO, Joseph Norita

Position Sought: Retention on the Bench

Re-Electionist?: Yes

Educational Background: Juris Doctor, Gonzaga University School of Law, 2001; master of Public Administration, Seattle University, 1998; BA history, San Jose State University, 1994.

**U.S. DELEGATE** 

Name: SABLAN, Gregorio Kilili

Position Sought: U.S. Delegate Re-electionist?: Yes Party: Independent

#### **SENATE**

Name: IGISOMAR, Sixto Kaipat Position Sought: Senate-

Re-electionist?: Yes Party: Republican

Name: YUMUL, Ray Naraja Position Sought: Senate-

Re-electionist?: No Party: Independent

Name: BORJA, Francisco Man-

Position Sought: Senate-Tinian Re-electionist?: Yes

Party: Republican

Name: SAN NICOLAS, Henry Hofschneider

Position Sought: Senate-Tinian Re-electionist?: No Party: Independent

Name: HOCOG, George Ogo Position Sought: Senate-Rota Re-electionist?: No Party: Republican

Name: MANGLONA, Thomas Lee Atalig

Position Sought: Senate-Rota Re-electionist?: No Party: Democrat

Name: MANGLONA, Paul Atalig Position Sought: Senate-Rota Re-electionist?: No Party: Independent

Educational Background: Master of Science in Structural Engineering, San Jose State University, 1982; BS Civil Engineering, Santa Clara University, 1980

Political Experience: CNMI Legislature 1988-present, Senate president, four terms; CNMI Second Constitutional Convention, 1985; board member, MIHA, 1986-

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-**TIVES (PRECINCT 1)**

Name: DELEON GUERRERO, Joseph Pinaula

Position Sought: Representa-

Re-electionist?: Yes Party: Republican

Name: DEMAPAN, Angel Aldan Position Sought: Representative, Precinct 1

Re-electionist?: Yes

Party: Republican

Educational Background: Business Administration, NMC; Communications, University of Hawaii at Manoa

Political Experience: 19th CNMI House of Representatives; Speaker. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> CNMI Youth Congress

Name: GUERRERO, Joseph LeePan Tenorio

Position Sought: Representative, Precinct 1

Re-electionist?: Yes

Party: Republican

Name: MARATITA, Janet Ulloa Position Sought: Representative, Precinct 1

Re-electionist?: No Party: Republican

Name: SABLAN, Gregorio Muna

Position Sought: Representative, Precinct 1

Re-electionist?: No Party: Republican

Name: SABLAN, Antonio Panaelinan

Position Sought: Representa-

tive, Precinct 1 Re-electionist?: Yes Party: Republican

Name: BENAVENTE, Roman Cepeda

Position Sought: Representative. Precinct 1

Re-electionist?: Yes Party: Republican

Name: DUENAS, Anthony Inda-

Position Sought: Representative, Precinct 1

Re-electionist?: No Party: Independent

Name: FLORES, Joseph Arriola Position Sought: Representative. Precinct 1

Re-electionist?: No Party: Independent

Name: PROPST, Edwin Kenneth Position Sought: Representaive, Precinct 1

Re-Electionist?: Yes Party: Independent

Educational Background: AB Communication, University of Hawaii at Manoa; NMC

Political Experience: Incumbent. 19th CNMI Legislature.

Name: TEREGEYO, Ana Sablan Position Sought: Representative, Precinct 1

Re-Electionist: No

Party: Independent

Educational Background: HS (GED) + 14 CR HR college credits (Personnel Management)

Political Experience:

Member, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th Commonwealth Legislature, 1992-

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-**TIVES (PRECINCT 2)**

Name: DEMAPAN. Rafael Sablan

Position Sought: Representative. Precinct 2

Re-Electionist: Yes Party: Republican

Name: SABLAN, John Paul Pa-

Position Sought: Representative, Precinct 2

Re-Electionist: Yes Party: Republican

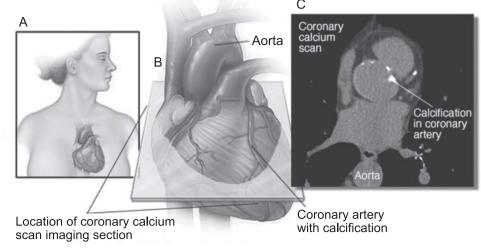
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Name: ICHIHARA, Vicente Aldan

Position Sought: Representative, Precinct 2

Re-Electionist: No Party: Independent

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-**TIVES (PRECINCT 3)**

Name: BARCINAS, Donald Cabrera

Position Sought: Representative, Precinct 3

Re-Flectionist: No. Party: Republican

Name: BLANCO, Ivan Alafonso Position Sought: Representative, Precinct 3

Re-Electionist: No Party: Republican

Name: DELA CRUZ, Francisco Santos

Position Sought: Representative, Precinct 3

Re-Electionist: No Party: Republican

Name: ITIBUS, Jose Ilo Position Sought: Representative, Precinct 3

Re-Electionist: No Party: Republican

Name: ATTAO, Blas Jonathan "BJ" Tenorio

Position Sought: Representative, Precinct 3 Re-Electionist: Yes

Party: Independent

Name: BENAVENTE, Anthony Tenorio

Position Sought: Representative, Precinct 3

Re-Electionist: Yes Party: Independent

Name: CAMACHO, Vicente

Position Sought: Representative, Precinct 3

Re-Electionist: No Party: Independent

Name: HOFSHNEIDER, Heinz Sablan

Position Sought: Representative, Precinct 3

Re-Electionist: No Party: Independent

Name: TEBUTEB, Ramon Angailen

Position Sought: Representative, Precinct 3

Re-Electionist: Yes Party: Independent

Name: TORRES, Stanley Estanislao Tudela McGinnis

Position Sought: Representative, Precinct 3

Re-Electionist: No Party: Independent

Name: VILLAGOMEZ, Edmund Joseph Sablan

Position Sought: Representative, Precinct 3

Re-Electionist: Yes Party: Independent

Name: YUMUL, Ralph Naraja Position Sought: Representative, Precinct 3

Re-Electionist: Yes Party: Independent

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-**TIVES (PRECINCT 4)**

Name: CAMACHO, George

Norita Position Sought: Representative, Precinct 4

Re-Electionist: Yes Party: Republican

Name: IGITOL, Alice Santos Position Sought: Representative, Precinct 4

Re-Electionist: No Party: Republican

Name: MURDOCK, Aaron Jay Position Sought: Representative, Precinct 4

Re-Electionist: No Party: Democrat

Name: RUAK, Joseph Kani Position Sought: Representative, Precinct 4

Re-Electionist: No Party: Independent

Name: SABLAN, Vinson Edward

Position Sought: Representative, Precinct 4

Re-Electionist: Yes Party: Independent

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-**TIVES (PRECINCT 5)**

Name: AGULTO, Antonio Reyes Position Sought: Representative, Precinct 5

Re-Electionist: No Party: Republican

Name: AGUON, Francisco Concepcion

Position Sought: Representative, Precinct 5

Re-Electionist: No Party: Republican

Name: CABRERA, James Anthony Duenas

Position Sought: Representative, Precinct 5

Re-Electionist: No Party: Independent

Name: CAMACHO, Antonio Muna

Position Sought: Representative, Precinct 5

Re-Electionist: No Party: Independent

Name: DELEON GUERRERO, Lorenzo Iglesias

Position Sought: Representa-

**PLEASE VOTE! BOTA!** ANTONIO MUNA **⊘**CAMACHO

House of Representatives **Precinct 5** 



Independent **Candidate**  tive, Precinct 5

Re-Electionist: Yes Party: Independent

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-**TIVES (PRECINCT 6)**

LOCAL

Name: ALDAN, Edwin Palacios Position Sought: Representative, Precinct 6

Re-Electionist: Yes Party: Republican

Name: BORJA, Diana Hocog Position Sought: Representa-See CANDIDATES on Next Page

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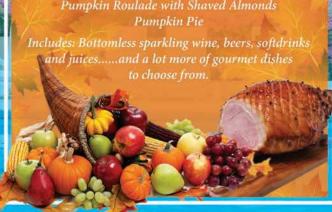
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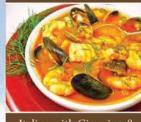


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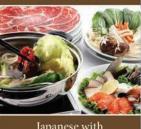


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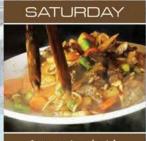


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#### Guerrero boasts of DPS achievements

Police Commissioner Robert A. Guerrero boasted some of his office's achievements since his appointment as head of the Department of Public Safety more than a year ago. He was the guest speaker in last week's Saipan Chamber of Commerce's monthly general membership meeting at Hyatt Regency Saipan's Sand Castle.

Despite a challenging past 11 months, Guerrero said they still managed to have some improvements and successes at DPS. "It has been a challenging 11 months since I became commissioner but we managed to succeed and have some improvements at DPS."

He said a lot of burglaries are connected with crys-

PIR owns the rights to the

Pizza Hut franchise on Saipan

and operates several branches

of the world-renowned fast-

food restaurant and Taco Bell

in Hawaii and Guam. They

have a total of 37 Taco Bell

and 45 Pizza Hut stores spread

RBNZ finance secretary

Kaye Martin, in an email to

Saipan Tribune, said the deal

was sealed last Oct. 26, with

the Auckland-based company

purchasing 100 percent of

PIR's shares for \$105 million.

RBNZ would take over the

Martin assured that RBNZ

out in Hawaii and Guam.

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tal meth or "ice," which is why they beefed up the Drug Enforcement Task Force, composed of personnel from DPS, Division of Customs Services, and the Department of Corrections.

"We've been doing a lot of arrests regarding 'ice' and we have put police officers in schools where officers are assigned there the whole day. Our police officers are also out there in the community doing patrols," said Guerrero. "We also have a K9 unit in place. These are narcotic and attack dogs and they are going to work closely with our drug task force and burglary detective units."

Guerrero said they would also enhance police visibility, especially in Garapan because of an increase in tourism arrivals and foot traffic

would be retaining the same

team that has served local and

foreign customers for more

RBNZ, established in 1989,

also owns the rights to popu-

lar restaurant brands Carl's

Jr., KFC, Pizza Hut, and Star-

bucks in New Zealand where

they operate a combined num-

ber of more than 120 stores.

They first acquired KFC in

1989 then KFC in 1995, be-

fore securing the Starbucks

franchise in 1998 and brought

Carl's Jr. to their fold in 2011.

in a statement, said that both

Pizza Hut and Taco Bell

have established themselves

as leaders in the pizza and

Mexican fast-food restaurant

service. Their acquisition will

RBNZ chair Ted van Arkel,

than 10 years now.

in the tourist district. "We are beefing up the kōban (small neighborhood police station) by adding two new vehicles for them so they could patrol the tourist district."

"We had also opened up the Kagman substation a week ago with a 24-hour operation. We pushed for that project with the reason being the response time it takes in that area. The response time takes longer than anywhere else on the island so we really need more police presence back there," he said.

"We're anticipating opening another substation in Koblerville and once the fire station in the San Roque area opens, we're also going to beef up our presence in that area," said Guerrero, who added that DPS has also acquired new equipment for all its police officers.

also give them some trac-

tion in Hawaii, Guam, and

on Saipan as they again try to

expand outside of New Zea-

land. Their first attempt on

expansion was in 2002 after

acquiring 52 Pizza Hut stores

in Victoria, New Zealand but

they folded operations after

RBNZ was listed in 1997

on the New Zealand Stock

Exchange with an offer price

of NZ\$2.20. Its shares jumped

9.8 percent after news of its

purchase of QSR Pty Ltd, the

largest KFC franchiser in New

South Wales, broke out early

Martin said they hope to

cash on Saipan's renewed eco-

nomic growth that is boosted

by an increase in tourist ar-

only six years.

#### **Upgrades**

New body armors or bulletproof vests and new firearms were issued to all officers after Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed the Special Act for Firearm Enforcement Act into law. "We are making sure our police officers are also safe on the streets," said Guerrero.

He added that DPS has 22 new officers that graduated from the academy last September and they would hire 20 more to beef up enforcement activities in the months to come. Their department also has new uniforms, the first time they changed it since 1999.

"We want to put more officers on the streets as much as possible. And we have new uniforms, which is much cooler. The new uniforms will also avoid confusion with the Division of Customs Services and the U.S. Proba-

rivals. They are also looking into and would explore the possibility of bringing in the restaurant franchises that they

"There are no immediate plans to do so yet, but definitely looking to reinvest in the busi-

Van Arkel said in a statement that they are excited with the deal as they hope to further gain exposure from PIR's brands, including Taco Bell, that has gained worldwide appeal.

"We have nearly 20 years" experience successfully operating the Pizza Hut brand in New Zealand and will look to leverage this experience to drive the Hawaiian franchise's continued

hold the rights to.

ness as a whole," added Martin.

performance," he said.

#### REPORTER

company next month.

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ner does not have to be there to claim the Top 5 prizes, his winnings were not forfeited.

"I am so thankful to God for this early Christmas blessing. I have been buying Rotary tickets for more than a decade now because of their good community projects," said de la Torre.

"This time I bought three booklets. While the event was taking place, I was just waiting for a call in case I got any of the prizes. Later in the evening, a co-worker called me to say that I had won but

I thought he was joking. I started receiving more texts and calls from my co-workers and friends but it was still hard to believe at the time," de la Torre said.

As of right now, de la Torre is still weighing whether he will get the money or opt for the brand new car.

Rotary Club president Ivan Ilmov said, "The Rotary Club of Saipan has been doing the Las Vegas Night event for the last 44 years and we are so happy with the community. Despite not having a casino on island before, people would still come over and support us because all the money we earn from this

night goes back to them."

"With the money we earned tonight, we will be supporting the Million Dollar Scholars for Kagman, renovate the playground that was damaged by the typhoon at the American Memorial Park, and finish several projects in Kagman that we have been planning for awhile now," Ilmov said.

Other winners of the night include L.D. Pangelinan (ticket No. 04142) with \$3,000, Amanda Delagan (06261) with \$2,000, Sadiri B. Martin (04025) with \$1,000, and Ruth Pangelinan (13074) with \$500.

The event opened its

doors at 7pm and ended around 12am. During the Las Vegas Night, several games such as Black Jack and Bingo were held for the attendees, with refreshments available on site.

The Rotary Club would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets, those who attended the event, all volunteers, Rotarians who stayed on site the whole night, friends of the Rotary who helped organize the event, Best Sunshine International, Ltd. who donated dealers to allow the program to run more smoothly, and Saipan World Resort for allowing the use of their Taga Hall.

of early voters during the

voted on the three islands.

On Saipan, 729 from Saipan and the Northern Islands cast their votes, while 19 were from Tinian and 20 were from Rota, for a total of 768.

On Tinian, 81 cast their votes, while 69 voted on

their votes while 11 were from Tinian and 17 were from Rota, for a total of 595.

votes, while 64 voted on Rota.

Yesterday, a total of 662

On Saipan, 545 from Saipan and the Northern Isnine were from Tinian and 11 were from Rota, for a total of 565.

On Tinian, 38 cast their votes, while 43 voted on Rota.

officers on streets. "We have seven new vehicles and with

tion Office," said Guerrero.

DPS also acquired seven

more vehicles to put more

the four that we have before, we now have 11. We are anticipating six more so we could put additional patrol vehicles for the villages."

#### Man files discrimination suit vs Mobil

A man has filed a discrimination lawsuit against Exxon Mobil Corp. and Mobil Oil Mariana Islands Inc. for allegedly not considering him as a field engineering technician.

Nicolas Guy Pohl, through counsel Colin M. Thompson, is suing Mobil for alleged discrimination based on race and national origin.

Pohl asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to order Mobil to make him whole by paying his back pay with interest plus compensation and damages. He did not specify the amount he is demanding.

Thompson stated in the complaint that Mobil favors employees who are not Caucasians or American.

Thompson said defendants discriminated against Pohl by not hiring him for the position of field engineering technician.

The lawyer said Mobil hired a non-Caucasian, non-American for the job.

Thompson alleged that Mobil falsely certified that there was no qualified U.S. citizen available to take the advertized position of field engineering technician.

He said his client is a U.S. citizen qualified for the job.

"Defendants subjected Mr. Pohl to unwelcome discrimination based on his race and national origin," Thompson said. (Ferdie de la Torre)

#### **CANDIDATES**

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tive, Precinct 6 Re-Electionist: No Party: Independent

HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-**TIVES (PRECINCT 7)** 

Name: MANGLONA, Tricia Marie Atalig

Position Sought: Representative. Precinct 7

Re-Electionist: No Party: Democrat

Name: MARATITA, Glenn Liza-

Position Sought: Representative, Precinct 7

Re-Electionist: No Party: Republican

#### **MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

Name: CASTRO, Luis John Deleon Guerrero

Position Sought: Municipal Council (Saipan & Northern Islands) Party: Non-Partisan

Name: KAIPAT, Diego Litulumar Position Sought: Municipal Council (Saipan & Northern Islands) Party: Non-Partisan

Name: BORJA, Antonio San Nicolas

Position Sought: Municipal Council (Tinian) Party: Non-Partisan

Name: CING, Raynaldo Men-

Position Sought: Municipal Council (Tinian) Party: Non-Partisan

Name: FLEMING, Deborah Al-

Position Sought: Municipal Council (Tinian) Party: Non-Partisan

Name: HOFSCHNEIDER, Edwin Manglona

Position Sought: Municipal Council (Tinian) Party: Non-Partisan

Name: MENDIOLA-LONG, Phil-

Council (Tinian) Party: Non-Partisan

Name: PALACIOS, Sylvestre Hofschneider

Position Sought: Municipal Council (Tinian) Party: Non-Partisan

Name: BARCINAS, Anthony Wayne

Position Sought: Municipal Council (Rota) Party: Non-Partisan

Name: CHARFAUROS, Vanessa Lyn Gogue

Position Sought: Municipal Council (Rota) Party: Non-Partisan

Name: MEREB, Ivan Jr. Position Sought: Municipal Council (Rota) Party: Non-Partisan

Name: RAMOS, Kary John Position Sought: Municipal

Council (Rota) Party: Non-Partisan

#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Name: ADA, Marylou Seman Position Sought: Board of Education - Saipan Party: Non-Partisan

Name: ORSINI, Andrew Lujan Position Sought: Board of Education - Saipan Party: Non-Partisan

Name: RAYPHAND, James Mi-

Position Sought: Board of Education - Saipan Party: Non-Partisan

Name: TENORIO, Janice Marie

Position Sought: Board of Education - Saipan Party: Non-Partisan

Name: APATANG. Dexter Peter

Position Sought: Board of Education - Rota Party: Non-Partisan

Name: ATALIG, Herman Man-

Position Sought: Board of Edu-

cation - Rota Party: Non-Partisan

#### Early voting began last Tuesday.

**VOTERS** 

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As of late afternoon yesterday, CEC set the testing of the seven tabulating machines.

Among the agenda is the

creation of a tabulation com-

Candidates were invited to watch the testing.

There was a big turnout weekend.

On Friday, a total of 918

On Saturday, a total of 743 voted on the three islands.

On Saipan, 567 from Saipan and the Northern Islands cast

On Tinian, 84 cast their

voted on the three islands.

lands cast their votes, while

There are 17,930 registered voters in the CNMI.

lip Thomas Position Sought: Municipal



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## Ex-CPA officer's conviction affirmed

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has affirmed the conviction of Floyd Mafnas Mendiola, a former Commonwealth Ports Authority officer who was slapped with a 10-month prison term in 2015 for twice helping facilitate the sale of methamphetamine or "ice."

Ninth Circuit judges J. Clifford Wallace, Joseph Jerome Farris, and Paul J. Watford said that even though Mendiola has been released from prison and his supervised release is set by statute, his challenge to the U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona's refusal to reduce his role to one that is minor is not moot.

The Ninth Circuit judges concluded that Manglona did not abuse her discretion in denying the reduction.

The judges said Manglona permissibly concluded that Mendiola's behavior of bringing together the buyer and seller, arranging the price and location of the buys, and allowing use of his residence for one of the buys is not a minor role.

The judges said Manglona correctly concluded that Mendiola's statements were voluntary.

The judges said Mendiola's status as a confidential informant cannot be said to have

overcome his will, especially since he was familiar with law enforcement techniques and testified that he had been advised that his decision to cooperate was voluntary.

It is true that the FBI promised to inform prosecutors about Mendiola's cooperation, the judges said, but an FBI agent made it clear that the FBI could not promise him immunity from prosecution.

As a result, the judges said, this promise did not render Mendiola's statement involuntary. Nor does the fact that the FBI agent failed to inform Mendiola that the FBI had decided to stop using him as a confidential informant render his statements involuntary, the judges said.

While the agent's tactics undoubtedly amounted to deception, it does not render a confession involuntary, the judges said.

Federal agents arrested Mendiola on May 27, 2014, after an indictment was filed charging him with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine from Feb. 27 to March 2, 2013.

According to the factual basis of the plea deal, Mendiola agreed to help facilitate the sale of "ice" to an individual who, unbeknownst to him, was working as a confidential source for the FBI. (Ferdie de la Torre)

Dear People of the Commonwealth,

Please accept our sincerest gratitude for the support you have shown over the past eight years.

It has been an extraordinary privilege to represent you as the first Northern Mariana Islands Delegate to the US Congress.

Once again, we humbly ask for your continued support this November 8th. You have my assurance that I shall continue to work hard for all our people and islands.

With gratitude and warm personal regards, I remain,



(Top) Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan with his father, the late Jesus Diaz Sablan, his mother, Victorina Camacho Sablan, his wife, Andrea, and his children, Jesse and Patricia Sablan. (Right) Congressman Sablan's grandchildren, clockwise from top left: Amanda, Greg Jr. Rob and Wes



Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan

## Library gets new computers

By MICHAEL T. SANTOS

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library received new computers for an upcoming computer literacy class.

The library obtained the computers on Oct. 27, along with tables arriving within the same week.

The class, to be held within weeks under the supervision of Roy Rechebei, will cover basic computer navigation, computer terminologies, basic etiquette for browsing, and Microsoft Office applications. A minimum of six

session shall span a fourweek period, each class being held on the Saturday of each week.

Erlinda Naputi, acting director for the library, said the 10 all-in-one computers were acquired with funding through an Institute of Museum and Library Services

"We are also planning to have Photoshop lessons," Naputi added.

Roy Rechebei said, "One of the purposes of having a computer upgrade, like what we have, is that everyone is

people is required and the using Windows 10 nowadays along with cell phones that work with computers. So we just want the public to get caught up with the rest of the world in terms of using electronic devices."

Moreover, a policy is currently being created that allows students to rent out iPads in order to read electronic books that the library offers online. The iPads, however, will be lent out within the confines of the building.

For more information, call the library at 1 (670)-235-





## Jucutan wants to remain free while appeal is pending

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

A former U.S. Army Reserve member who was sentenced to two years and four months in prison after being convicted of engaging in a scheme to defraud the Army Reserves Recruiter Assistant Program

appeal is pending.

Jordan M. Jucutan, through counsel David Banes, asserted that his arguments provide a

wants to remain free while his proper and adequate basis for granting his request for release pending his appeal before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Banes said that based on the record and the issues on appeal, Jucutan is not a flight risk, is not a danger to the community, and his appeal and motion are

to delay the case.

Banes said Jucutan will present issues to the Ninth Circuit that are "substantial" in nature that would require reversal or re-sentencing if he prevails on either of the issues presented.

Jucutan was convicted of falsely claiming he referred soldiers to enlist in the Army Reserve through the Army Reserves Recruiter Assistant Program. That allegedly false claim enabled him to obtain money from the program.

Jucutan is currently out of custody on condition pending notification by the U.S. Marshal Service that the Bureau of Prisons has designated a facility and that he is to report to begin serving his jail term.

Jucutan was notified that he is to report to the U.S. Marshal's Service on Nov.

Banes said in light of the nature and substance of the issues raised on appeal, Jucutan requests that the court grant his continued release pending a decision by the Ninth Circuit on his appeal.

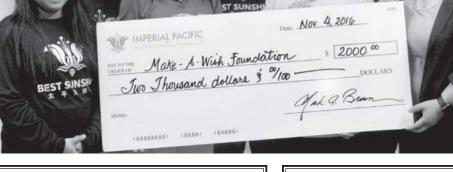
Jucutan was a member of the Army Reserve from November 2006 until he retired in November 2014. He used to be a teacher at the Public School System.



**HELPING MAKE WISHES COME TRUE** 

Imperial Pacific International, Ltd.-Best Sunshine through its Corporate Social Responsibility supports the Make-A-Wish Foundation with a \$2,000 donation last Friday that will go to their Nov. 10 Black Tie & Zories fundraiser. IPI-CSR executive director Geralvn Dela Cruz led her team in presenting the donation to board members Kanae Quinn and Eleanor Cabrera of the foundation. This year marks the fourth CNMI Wish Night that is aimed at celebrating with children and families whose lives have been forever changed by the power of a wish.

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### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS **CUC-RFP-17-004**

#### Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Station Service Generator Sets at Power Plants 1 and 4

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and expe their local authorized representatives for the Supply, Installation & Commissioning of one (1) each 750 kW Diesel Generating Set at CUC Power Plant No. 1, Lower Base and one (1) each 200 kW Diesel Generating Set at CUC Power Plant No. 4, Puerto Rico, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Contractor shall provide and pay for all labor, materials, tools, equipment, transportation, temporary construction of every nature, and all other services and facilities necessary to execute, complete and deliver the Diesel Generating Sets and work within the specified time frame.

CUC intends to select one proposer to negotiate the final scope of work and enter into a contract agreement that best fit CUC's station service power supply requirements at Powe

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at Power Plant Administration Office in Lower Base, Saipan on October 27, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to Power Plant No. 1 and 4 facilities will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to subm

Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division, The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the nount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to

One (1) original and Five (6) hard copies and 1 Compact Disc (CD) of the entire submission in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-17-004" cial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on November 18, 2016. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be

A Proposal Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid National and a memory of the contract, a cannot be contracted by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: https://marianaslabor.net/. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Edderal Laws.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFY does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on October 31, 2016 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address - manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, Purchasing Assistant via email address - Marcela Tenorio@cucgov.org and Venugopal Prabhakara, Power Generation APCM/PM via email address - venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO

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## ADDENDUM NO. 1

Dated: October 24, 2016

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is hereby issuing the following amendment to CUC-RFP-17-004:

#### **WAIVER OF RFP PACKAGE FEE:**

The \$200.00 fee payment requirement to obtain an RFP Package has been waived. Registered Prospective Offerors that registered before October 24, 2016 will receive a full reimbursement by CUC. Please contact Marcela Tenorio via e-mail address marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org for assistance in obtaining a reimbursement.

> /s/ GARY P. CAMACHO ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## Aiko's Ramen's grand opening today

By ERWIN ENCINARES

Jumping on the Japanese food trend, Joeten Enterprises ventures out into its own version of ramen, Aiko's Ramen, situated in Susupe. The Japanese ramen shop is set to have its grand opening today.

Ramen is a Japanese soup dish made of meat, fish, or a combination of two or more broths mixed with miso or soy sauce and wheat noodles that are hand pulled. It is topped with Japanese sliced pork belly (chashu), dried seaweed (nori), bamboo shoots (menma), cured fish (Naruto), marinated soft boiled eggs (Hanjuku tamago), and/or woodear mushrooms (arage kikurage), just to name a few.

Aiko's Ramen highlights authentic Japanese ramen, with handmade noodles and gyoza wrappers, made with local ingredients. The only exception is the sendai miso, which Aiko's Ramen manager Emi Okazaki said is pur- men is sure to serve authentic chased in Japan.

Aiko's Ramen has a variety of ramen dishes to choose from, with options ranging from authentic Japanese ramen to ramen with a local twist. According to Okazaki, one of the highlights of the menu is Aiko's Original Coconut Ramen, an original creation by Okazaki.

The ramen shop offers noodles of varying thickness. Besides just ramen, Aiko's Ramen also serves Tsukemen (noodles dipped in broth), Aburamen (soupless noodle dish flavored with oils and pork fat), and Yakisoba (fried buckwheat noodles).

A variation of noodles are also present at Aiko's, with original spicy noodles called Tougarashi red pepper noodles, which spices up the experience of ramen for an additional 50 cents.

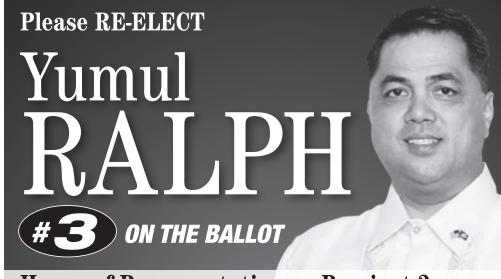
With a staff of one head chef, two line cooks, and six part-time cashiers, Aiko's Ra-

ramen and a little more at a reasonable price. Aiko's Ramen head chef

Ken Sato Tenorio was born on Saipan but grew up in Japan. Having prior experience in traditional noodle making in his father's ramen shop in Japan, Tenorio comes back to his roots to serve quality Japa-

Aiko's Ramen works in tandem with the third branch of Latte Café, which offers selfserve frozen yogurt.

Aiko's Ramen is open from 11am to 2pm, and 5pm to 11pm.



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## 'Hilipinos on visa runs face risks'

The Philippines' Department of Foreign Affairs has reported the continuing practice of undocumented Filipinos working in the ASEAN member states of Thailand, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, and Malaysia using the visa runs mode.

Visa runs refers to the process or facility by which foreign visitors continue to stay in a country by exiting through border control before their allowed period of temporary stay (usually 30 days) expires and then return for a renewed period, usually for another 15 days or up to two or three months, depending on the type of visa issued and at the discretion of the border officer.

Visa runs is considered one of the means being used by human traffickers and drug syndicates. The department is strongly warning against using these modes of entry or exit in order to avoid possible risks to their welfare and safety.

Prospective applicants seeking employment in Thailand, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, or Malaysia are advised to take the legal processes and take extra precautionary measures to establish the authenticity of employment offers by verifying the job orders with the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration through its website at www.poea.gov.ph and its hotlines at 722-11-44 and 722-11-55.

The advisory was issued at the behest of POEA administrator Hans Leo J.Cacdac. (PR)

## Military training at Farallon de Medinilla

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times on Nov. 4 from 5am to 9pm; on Nov. 7 from 7am to 10pm; and on Nov. 9 from 6am to 8pm.

The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated. (PR)



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#### **EDITORIAL**

# Game 7 was a welcome break from election

merica, did we ever need that.

Is there a better moment in sports than the final pitches of an extra-innings showdown in Game 7 of a World Series? Not many, surely.



Well, the drama was

extraordinary, given the pent-up passions of Cubs fans around the country desperate to end one of the great storylines in all of sports: the 108-year-old curse of the Cubs. Only The curse could make Cleveland's own dry spell since 1948 seem less compelling a reason to cheer for the home team last night.

Of course, a big win never comes without a crushing loss, and so for all the joy flowing across the country from the dazzling end to the Cubs' remarkable season, Cleveland is dealing with sadness as big as Lake Erie.

Both teams played hard, with heart and with sportsmanship. We'd like to give a special shout-out to a surely grieving Corey Kluber, the Texas native who was aiming to be the first ace since 1968 to win three games in a single series when he took the mound for Cleveland on Wednesday.

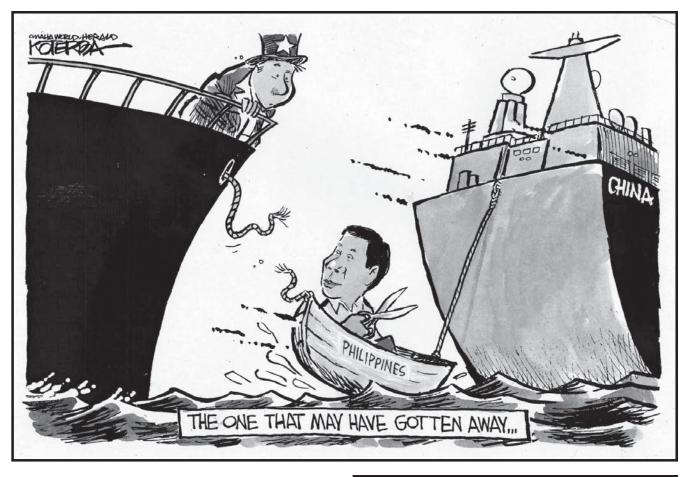
For most of us here in Texas, though, the emotional extremes of Wednesday's thrilling, 10-inning conclusion to the seventh game of the 2016 World Series fell somewhere between the giddy heights of Wrigleyville and the tears washing into the Cuyahoga River. And thank goodness, because the tension watching those final innings, after Cleveland's two-run homer in the bottom of the 8th tied the game and put Cubs fans' anticipatory celebrations on ice, was about all we could stand.

But no matter which team we cheered for, or really even if we rarely cheer for baseball at all, we all needed this World Series. America is days away from an election that has millions of us on edge. Last night's top-of-the-10th dilemma—whether to put a midnight pot of coffee on—may prove to have been but a dry run of late-night jitters Tuesday after the polls close and returns start coming in.

So it was good to be reminded that life is full of things untouched by politics. The passion fueling the fans in both cities was palpable. It was so powerful that it proved irresistible for millions of their countrymen and women.

So congrats to both teams. As for the Texas Rangers? "Next year" starts right now.

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# Looks like the FBI wants to make America great again

aybe it's just me, but I think the FBI is trying to send a message about this week's election. It's not just that FBI Director James Comey informed Congress that there may be things on Anthony Weiner's computer pertinent to his investigation of Hillary Clinton's private email server. Nor is it the extraordinary *Wall Street Journal* coverage this week that revealed frustrations in the bureau over alleged Justice Department pressure to slowwalk an investigation into the Clinton Foundation.

The cherry on this banana-republic split is published Monday from a long-dormant Twitter account called @FBIRecords Vault. It disclosed that new records of the bureau's probe into Bill Clinton's pardon of Marc Rich had been released because of a Freedom of Information Act request.

The FBI has since said that this was all standard operating procedure. The records were requested. The request was approved. And the Twitter account automatically tweets out new files sent to the bureau's electronic reading room.

Nonetheless, it's hard to credit this explanation. As Mark Corallo, a former Justice Department spokesman and Trump supporter, told me Wednesday, "The Marc Rich tweet is evidence of open warfare between the Justice Department and the FBI." Corallo said this is largely because frustrated field agents believe the Justice Department has stymied the bureau's investigations into Clinton's emails and the Clinton Foundation.

Steven Aftergood, director of the Federation of American Scientists' Project on Government Secrecy, told me it was true that records requested from multiple people are supposed to be added to the government agency's electronic reading room. "What undermines that explanation is that they were not just added to the reading room, they were broadcast on this rarely used Twitter account," he said. What's more, Aftergood said government agencies have great discretion when they respond to Freedom of Information Act requests. "There is always a bottleneck, because the resources to review FOIA requests are inadequate to the demand," he said.

The move certainly appeared political. After all, former Attorney General Eric Holder was one of the first former officials to criticize Comey's decision to update Congress on the email investigation. Perhaps the tweet was a shot across the bow to Holder, who recommended the Rich pardon in 2000 as deputy attorney general under President Bill Clinton.

So what's going on here? As the New York Times and the Washington Post are now reporting, and as my own sources con-

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firm, many rank-and-file FBI officials are frustrated about the investigation into the Clinton Foundation and the way the email probe was handled. Republicans too have wanted to see the FBI more robustly investigate the Clintons. So Comey has tried his best to split the baby.

The baby-splitting began over the summer, when Comey held a press conference and testified before Congress on his decision to not recommend the Clinton email case to prosecutors. As he announced his decision to close the investigation, he also excoriated Clinton, calling her decision to use a private email server for official business reckless and speculating that foreign powers accessed her emails (although he said the bureau could not prove that). Comey then promised Congress he would keep them abreast of new developments. He did just that less than two weeks before the election.

Comey's letter to Congress has gotten a lot of attention. But his initial blunder was breaking with precedent and explaining to the public his decision not to recommend prosecution of Clinton for her use of the private email server when she was secretary of state.

"When Comey did his press conference in July, I nearly fell off my chair," Steven Pomerantz, a retired assistant director for the FBI, told me. "I don't think the FBI should ever make a prosecution recommendation. I believe Comey was honestly motivated, but I just don't think process- and procedure-wise it was the right thing to do. And it all got compounded when he testified before Congress."

Victoria Toensing, a former deputy assistant attorney general under President Ronald Reagan and a Trump supporter, told me much of this goes back to the decision not to impanel a grand jury in either the Clinton Foundation or email investigation. "Comey fumbled the ball in the beginning by not demanding a grand jury," she said. "And now he's trying to make it up because he was caught between a rock and a hard place."

In this case, the rock for Comey is the perception that he is influencing the election by informing Congress about Weiner's computer. The hard place is his pledge to Republicans in Congress to keep them informed of any developments about Clinton's emails

Comey appears to have done his best to stay out of the election, but he is in the middle of it now. Through leaks and tweets, people in his bureau appear to be helping Donald Trump—a man who has called for Clinton to be jailed. Ironic that Trump is the one who keeps saying the election will be rigged.

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## Avalanche of hopelessness

or our countrymen, there was once the inspirational "hope and change" mantra Obama echoed repeatedly since eight years ago. But then he noticed he's wrought a hopeless electorate, the complete opposite of what he initially envisioned, quizzing what went wrong?

Here at home we've heard of the "solutions driven" team. But it hasn't moved anywhere either and not when "Dopey and Goofy" are drowning in their humiliating inexperience in public affairs. I actually wanted to see some semblance of success in the interest of villagers. There's nothing up that alley! So I find personal hope turned into a hopeless case too.

The people on the hill may be quizzing why the avalanche of negative reactions from the electorate in the villages. Well, did you factually improve their lot or is this still at the fatuous level? Or did you drown it in your cesspool of dishonesty, incompetence and corruption!

People still suffer from stagnant salaries of over 20 years, healthcare rationing, agencies allowed to borrow on their own confirming insufficient local funds, among others. Do we re-elect Republicans glorifying the GOP's failed performance in perpetuity?

I tried to understand the ad hoc method of disposing issues of importance often treated with inconsequence and neglect. This isn't a mean-spirited assessment though straightforward and downright uncomfortable it may be. Do you take pride in your legacy relegating our people's lives into the abyss or hellish hole of abject poverty? No mas!

#### **Shore: A restful visit**

As the beautiful sunset withdraws its colorful glow against the evening skies, how calming a feeling sitting along the shore communing with the spirit and beauty of paradise.

At a distance, two white doves wing it home for the day with a full view of land deep blue. The last of fishermen head home too. I listened to tiny waves breaking on the shore or the whisper of balmy and light tropical breeze headed out to sea. What tranquil evening along the shores of this pearly isle where solace abounds even for quiet spiritual exercise.

I took a quick glimpse of the dimming blue heavens. It reminded me of an old country and Western tune that says in part, "Under the blue skies of home is where I will rest forever." It's a sentimental tune from a cowboy who's roamed deserts and huge farmlands. Mine are the golden shores and vast ocean before me.

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## A day made bright

Cultural Day is always a happy day. Many man'amko's memories store all those golden days of their youth, when they were young and strong. Best Sunshine made it possible once more with their very well delivered Cultural Day effort. Thanks to

Under their design, all decorated with flowers and other ornaments, our congregation hall looked solemn and neat. Holding in my arms my better half, all dressed in our wedding attire, and dancing one of our beloved dances returned us back to our honeymoon times. I felt like I was getting married to her again!

The man'amko's respected and beloved Ms. Masako performed her Okinawan dance under the bright and original Japanese lady cloth, with proper Japanese music. The gathering enjoyed it a lot.

Rosalia Sablan and our King Assuncion danced to a Philippines folk music and earned people's kudos. Maria Salinas, Darling Cabrera and Maria Wankit showed their beautiful attire and lots of photos were taken,

Trukese fellows Sanny and Ms. Flora showed us the beauty of their national dance. Others had on nicely designed clothes. The remarkable food was delivered by a respectful sponsor. The man'amko also appreciated lawmakers Ed Propst, Roman Benavente, and Edmond Villagomez who visited us, showing their respect to us.

Maybe I have been talking of Cultural Day a little too much. Our thanks go to the nice sponsors from Best Sunshine. We appreciated your being with us!

#### **Teddy Guaio** Navy Hill, Saipan

I recalled faces I've met along the shore including families working on pull nets catching juvenile fish. It was traditional fishing for family sustenance. Wondered what happened to small shoreline crabs that used to roam the golden beach, daily.

When the sunset disappeared and clouds of white moved in, the other side of the horizon lights up into dawn as dusk settles on our side. It was a quick trip to memory lane seeing familiar faces and remembering hands I've pressed a long time ago. Boy! Time flies, disappearing like morning dew as the sunbeam brightens this verdant strand.

I'd visit Puntan Muchot occasionally if only to pay tribute to traditional master fishermen whose trade once turned the area into a thriving fishing community long ago. Indeed, it's hard traveling back to our ancestral days for it's too long a journey. But like an islander once said, "We're still here living off ancestral land. We would never return. We never left."

**Old airport:** Remember trips to the old airport (now Koblerville) when we ate tiny pebbles and dust as the DC-10 turns to head to the runway?

Around 1971 or so the first PanAm 702 jet landed here as smooth as a feather. None of us knew that it brought with it Japanese folks who were born and lived here before the war.

I then understood the tears welling from their eyes and kissing the ground when they cleared the ladder. The trip must have been a sacrifice saving money for that "final trip home." It was a sentimental journey seeing the place in Garapan where they used to roam as kids. Most remembered the bell tower behind Kristo Rai Church and Fishing Base.

What a memorable trip that must be where they eventually met with our parents conversing in Japanese and singing old nursery rhyme songs together, learned in school a long time ago. It's one sentimental journey. Sad, though, how high paying visitors from the Land of the Rising Sun has taken to the sunset.

#### Temperament

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It is admirable, folks blessed with outstanding temperament that

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grants them the stronger ability to handle almost all situations with a sense of mature balance. This is especially vital when dealing with difficult people or complaining customers at a business place. Mine was strictly business and don't have the time for polite niceties!

I remember turning over difficult issues to our general manager, Michael Geisinger when we both were attached to the Saipan Tribune. He worked the staff between the main office and the print shop. He handled complaining customers who left the office with a huge grin on their faces. He's handled correspondence with mature and polished language that met our purpose coming out of tight situations smelling like a rose.

That's the special ability of my friend, Mike Geisinger—almost always very mindful of people no matter their stations in life. Trust me, I took a personal retreat to learn from my friend the huge benefits of being mindful.

Indeed, no matter your success even at the top of the largest corporation on earth, never forget for a moment that "it's all about people." My friend is sick and is hardly mobile but this is our treasured relationship for over 20 years now. Though in pain, his powerful and ever cheerful voice of optimism grants me hope and strength to regroup and ever grateful for our shared sense of spirituality. Si Yuus Maase` Mike! Stay healthy!

## Trump and Clinton each worse than the other

ome election season, citizens should inform themselves, they should listen to the arguments of all the candidates, they should think things through as best they can, and then they should get out and vote.

Maybe the vote won't count for much, but if too many found refuge in that excuse, the democratic experiment would quickly shrivel. Maybe it can be the case that neither candidate seems worth a hoot, but knowing that even slight differences can have major consequences, isn't it still our duty to seek out particularities, make a choice and confirm it at the polls?

Most of us would surely say yes, but what if you have the first election in presidential history in which each major party candidate is worse than the other?

Clearly, that's a paradoxical proposition, but for every shudder some of us have in thinking of Donald Trump as president, there is an equally heartfelt shudder in thinking of Hillary Clinton as president. It's as if you had to choose between consuming one of two poisons, knowing that either one will kill you and that each has its own peculiar, unendurable pains.

The case against Trump is just about everything about him. He knows nothing about government or issues and has not tried to learn. He struggles to get through a sentence. He is crude and lewd. He has a history of bad judgment and uncaring acts. He has the intemperate quality of a man who never grew up, except maybe sexually. He would torture suspected terrorists and kill their families. He makes genital jokes in a nationally televised debate. He lies incessantly.

The two best arguments for him are that he is not Hillary Clinton and has been almost reasonable when actually heeding his best advisors. He did it for a couple of weeks, quit and is doing it again in the homestretch instead of heeding his usual scatterbrained impulses.

But how long will it last? And even at his best, as just one example of his ineradicable confusion, he talks about getting rid of Common Core, either not understanding that it is a state program

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or figuring on an eradication of states rights.

The case for Clinton is that she is wondrously intelligent, immensely well-informed and as experienced as experienced gets. The case against her is that she employs these attributes to the detriment of the American people, sometimes, maybe, as a consequence of ideological inanity, but also just to win votes. She has plans to spend us into oblivion and regulate us into oppression. She would fill any vacancies on the increasingly powerful Supreme Court with lefties who say boo to the Constitution and could then give us 30 years of oligarchical madness.

Don't forget, either, that Clinton's character is best summed up by her seeming to have none. The emails and the misuse of the Clinton Foundation are examples of that, but the evidence goes back decades. Political consequences are doing the wrong things for the wrong reasons and subjecting this nation to peril.

Not voting for one of the candidates in a race, we are told, is in effect to vote for the other one. Fine. By not voting for Clinton, I am voting for Trump, but by not voting for him, I am voting for her. The votes cancel each other out.

What I am going to do is write in the name of House Speaker Paul Ryan and vote for Republican candidates for Congress. A GOP-controlled House and Senate could thwart the worst of Clinton, still likely to be elected despite Trump's rise in the polls. Stalemate might occasionally occur, but stalemate can be better than overreaching legislation and she will likely be a more capable negotiator than President Obama while Ryan knows how to compromise intelligently.

Four years from now, let's have an election choosing the better of the good.

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## The Weather

#### 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN



Partly cloudy with and variable winds.

isolated showers. Light ▲ 87° ▼77°

WEDNESDAY Partly cloudy with

Partly cloudy with

**▼79°** 

**▲ 87°** 

Partly cloudy with

**▼79° ▲ 87°** 

#### YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE

**▲** 88°

**▼79°** 



#### PICTURE TIME: 5:45 AM, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180

Mostly cloudy skies with scattered showers and fresh to strong winds prevail over the Marianas this morning. Typhoon Meari is now 375 miles northwest of Saipan. Scattered showers to the east of Meari moved into the coastal waters shortly after midnight with another round of gusty squall lines, though winds were a bit lighter than the previous occurrences. These showers will continue through the morning, with a drier pattern expected by the afternoon. As Meari continues to move farther away from the CNMI, expect shower coverage to continue to decrease.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA	Ą	▼ ▲
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	81 / 85 °F
Palau	Partly cloudy	82 / 88 °F
Yap	Mostly cloudy	78 / 87 °F
Chuuk	Heavy rain	79 / 85 °F
Pohnpei	Partly cloudy	75 / 85 °F
Kosrae	Morning clouds	82 / 86 °F
Majuro	Showers	82 / 85 °F

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Auckland	Heavy rain	57 / 65 °F
Beijing	Morning clouds	32 / 51 °F
Hong Kong	Partly cloudy	74 / 80 °F
Honolulu	Partly cloudy	69 / 76 °F
London	Partly cloudy	39 / 48 °F
Los Angeles	Morning clouds	56 / 77 °F
Manila	Partly cloudy	78 / 89 °F
Melbourne	Afternoon clouds	55 / 72 °F
Miami	Cloudy	73 / 79 °F
New York	Sunny	42 / 56 °F
Osaka	Mostly sunny	45 / 65 °F
Paris	Light rain	38 / 45 °F
Pusan	Partly cloudy	54 / 64 °F
Rome	Afternoon clouds	54 / 62 °F
Salem	High level clouds	50 / 64 °F
San Francisco	Partly sunny	55 / 68 °F
Seoul	Afternoon clouds	46 / 60 °F
Tokyo	Sunny	42 / 56 °F
Washington, DC	Sunny	40 / 59 °F



Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

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TIDES: SAIP	AN HARBOR TOI	DAY
6:23 AM	LOW TIDE	0.09 Feet
1:47 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.78 Feet
7:51 PM	LOW TIDE	1.14 Feet
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SUNRISE / SUNS	ET	
Today	6:15 AM	5:46 PM
Tuesday	6:16 AM	5:46 PM
Wednesday	6:16 AM	5:45 PM
Thursday	6:17 AM	5:45 PM
Friday	6:17 AM	5:45 PM

MOONRISE / MOONSET									
Today	12:00 PM	11:49 PM							
Tuesday	12:47 PM	-							
Wednesday	1:33 PM	12:42 AM							
Thursday	2:19 PM	1:37 AM							
Friday	3:06 PM	2:34 AM							

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#### FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

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SAIPAN-	GUAM (GI	JM)			GUAM (	GUM)-SAIF	AN	
UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily		UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily		UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota		UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6		UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily		UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily		UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	

#### SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

1:30pm 2:05pm UA6391 1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391 2:35pm 3:10pm 1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

4:20pm 7:00pm Daily

SAIPAN-SE	OUL (IC	CN)	
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily

4:00pm 7:45pm

Daily

4, 7

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS) OZ608 3:10am 6:20am

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1:30PM

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5:30PM

1:45PM

2:45PM

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4:45PM Daily

5:45PM Daily

Daily

Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG

3U8648 6:10am 8:40am

1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764 1:30am 6:35am 3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

4:20am 7:30am

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL) OZ626/701 1 via ICN 2:20am 11:05am OZ626/701 2:50am 11:05am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN UA6394/191 4:15am 8:55am 2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM UA6394/PR111 4:15am 9:15am 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

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2, 3, 6

1, 4, 5, 7

2, 3, 6 via Rota

12:10pm 12:45pm

**ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN** 

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NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

10:30am 3:05pm Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN LJ651 7:30am 1:10pm Daily 7C3402 9:30am 3:00pm Daily OZ625 7:40pm 1:10am+1 OZ625 8:15pm 1:45am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 7C3404 10:10pm 3:40am+1 Daily

**BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN** 

9:05pm 1:55am+1 3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

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**BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN** 

4:40pm 12:30am+1 2, 4, 6

**GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN** 

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MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN UA190/6397 9:55am 5:35pm 2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM OZ702/625 12:15pm 1:10am+1 7 via ICN OZ702/625 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN 12:15pm 1:45am+1 PR1571 9:20pm 3:35am+1 3.7 UA192/6395 9:45pm 8:05am+1 2, 5 via ROR-GUM PR110/UA6395 10:05pm 8:05am+1 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via

UA184/6395 10:25pm 8:05am+1 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM UA184/6395 11:30pm 8:05am+1 2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

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6:15PM Daily

**FREQUENCY** 

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LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju Air; HX: Hong Kong Airlines; LJ: Jin Air; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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## MVA brings back X'mas lights

The Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) is bringing back roadside Christmas lights to boost holiday cheer and is inviting businesses and individuals to join the effort.

Illuminated outlines of latte stones and "mwar" (flower head leis) will dot Beach Road beginning in December through Lunar New Year. The MVA is undertaking the project due to the higher number of visitors traveling to the Northern Mariana Islands during the period.

"To add value to our desti-

nation during the holiday season, we're looking forward to stirring up more holiday spirit with new roadside sculptures this year, and we invite interested sponsors to join us," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "Unfortunately, the sculptures from prior years are badly damaged due to wear and tear, so we are creating new images of this year, and they will remain on display through Christmas, New Year's, Russian Christmas, and Lunar New Year."



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#### High surf, small craft advisory

Based on information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center State Warning Point, a large west to northwest swell will continue to produce hazardous surf along southwest and north facing reefs through Monday afternoon.

A high surf advisory remains in effect until 6pm to-day, Monday. Hazardous surf of 7 to 11 feet along southwest and north facing reefs will continue through today. Surf along southwest and north facing reefs will continue to subside today and could fall below hazardous levels by this evening.

A small craft advisory remains in effect until 6am today, Monday.

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Winds of 15 to 25 knots with occasional gusts to 30 knots and combined seas between 8 and 11 feet was seen to produce hazardous conditions for operators of small craft last night.

The CNMI Emergency Operations Center State Warning Point is advising the public and inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, to avoid sailing in these conditions. Avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches, especially those facing south and west as rip currents will be life threatening. (EOC)

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# **Your Republican Leaders remain** committed to developing a vibrant community.

On your behalf, we advocate and advance legislations and programs that create opportunities through increase of business developments, infrastructure enhancements, creation of jobs, increase of family disposable income and other capacity and building initiatives to advance our quality of life.

We have accomplished so much together. Please join us as we continue moving the CNMI forward.

#### **GOP Accomplishments:**

- Significant Increase in Gross Budgetary Resources
- Economic Prosperity & the Casino Gaming Industry
- Government Responsibility
- Tourism Industry





#### **Significant Increase in Gross Budgetary** Resources

FY 2017 \$274,649,298 (approx., including casino revenues)

FY 2016 \$245,550,000 (approx., including casino revenues)

FY 2015 \$170,055,000

FY 2014 \$145,954,000

#### **Economic Prosperity** & the Casino Gaming Industry

To bring our economy to full recovery, the GOP established the Casino Industry, which has contributed financial resources to enrich our public services, provided jobs to nearly 500 CNMI residents, and has allowed for greater economic growth to find a footing on our islands. Since 2013, the number of new businesses has steadily grown, from 534 in 2013 to 705 in 2015, an indication that the economy is recovering and niche markets growing as our gaming and tourism industries continue to develop.

#### Government Responsibility

Restoring trust in the financial responsibilities of the CNMI Government by clearing outstanding obligation and support utility subsidies.

Commonwealth Health Care Corporation (CHCC) \$16 million towards CUC

Medical Referral Program \$1.6 million

Land Compensation Judgments \$9 million

Public School System \$2.9 million for outstanding CUC balance

LEAC Subsidy \$2.5 million



#### **Tourism Industry**

The Republican Leadership supports a strong tourism industry, a major economic engine for the CNMI's economy, and has earmarked funding for the Marianas Visitors Authority as follows:

\$15,070,958 \$12,160,000 FY 2016 \$12,160,000 FY 2014 \$7,340,000

The number of tourist arrivals, surpassing in FY 2016 the half-million mark since 2005:

FY 2016 501,489 479,679 FY 2015 FY 2014 442,860 433,299 FY 2013

#### **SENATORIAL CANDIDATES**







BORJA, Francisco Manglona



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#### **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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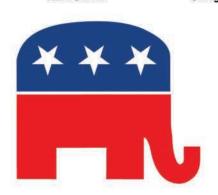


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#### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



#### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-17-011**

#### SUPPLY OF FUEL FOR LIGHT VEHICLE AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified vendors for the supply of fuel for light vehicles and heavy equipment for CUC Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-work will be emailed to all registered prospective proposers email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

One (1) original and four (4) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-17-011 -Supply of Fuel for Light Vehicle and Heavy Equipment" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **December 5, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: https://marianaslabor.net/. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws. CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on November 18, 2016 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to John Mafnas, CUC Contract Administrator via email address john.mafnas@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address

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m CUC}$  reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of  ${
m CUC}$ . All proposals shall become the property of  ${
m CUC}$ .

GARY P. CAMACHO Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN **Purchasing Administrator** 



#### **Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands** Office of the Secretary of Public Works



d Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Oleai, Saipan, MP 96950

#### **INVITATION FOR BIDS** DPW/FHWA-16-IFB-001

#### ROUTE 10 HAZARD ELIMINATION PROJECT ROTA, PROJECT NO. CM-NH-0010 (002)

Acting Governor Victor B. Hocog and Acting Lt. Governor Francisco M. Borja., through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Route 10 Hazard Elimination Project Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package consisting of Plans, Specifications and Bid Documents will be available on or after October 24, 2016 at Pacific Quick Print & Post, located in Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to Pacific Quick Print & Post, is required to defray the cost of printing the package.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, currenlty in effect.

The provisions of the CNMI Procurement Regulations, NMIAC Section 70-30.3-725 and 70-30.3-730 Prohibiting Gratutitues, Kickbacks and Contingent Fees shall apply

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **November 10, 2016**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Cleai Joeten Commercial Center Office. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **November 15, 2016** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, 7.0nf Floor, Olevail beter Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.

Sealed bids must be marked "DPW/FHWA-16-IFB-001". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two opening.

Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 9:30 a.m., local time November 18, 2016, Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 9:30 a.m. local time November 18, 2016, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than November 18, 2016 and must be received no later than November 28, 2016, Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 9:30 a.m. local time, November 29, 2016. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 9:30 a.m. local time, on November 18, 2016.

For hids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000,00) a hid security of fifteen (15%) of the hi by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surrety acceptable the Recompany of the Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surrety acceptable and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44600". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section §70-30-3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNML and A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to

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Performance time for completion of this project is **Two Hundred Seventy (270) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed according to Table 108-1 of the standard Specification for Construction of Roads and Bridges on Federal Highway Projects, FP-03

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

## Increased traffic is expected during Exercise Keen Sword

ercise Keen Sword 17, motorists should expect an increase in military traffic between U.S. Naval Base Guam and Andersen South on Nov. 7-9.

The Makin Island Amphibious Ready Group and 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, based out of San Diego and Camp Pendleton, California, scheduled to participate in Exercise Keen Sword 17, will conduct maneuvers in Guam that will act as shaping operations for the Japanese/U.S. bilateral training on Tinian.

The MKI ARG/11th MEU units supporting KS17 are the amphibious dock landing ship USS Comstock; Combat Logistics Detachment 113,

ASAN, Guam—As part of Ex- Combat Logistics Battalion ners with a flexible force that 11; and Company B, Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, which includes an amphibious assault vehicle platoon and combined anti-armor team. These units will be training in Guam and off the shore of Tinian.

While the 11th MEU units are operating independently of the Japan Self-Defense Forces, they are supporting the overall Japan-U.S. military operation, and providing an opportunity for higher headquarters to track both U.S. and Japanese forces operating over a large battle space.

The MKI ARG/11th MEU provides senior U.S. military leadership and coalition partcan rapidly respond to contingencies and crises within a region. With ships, aircraft, troops, and logistical equipment, the ARG/MEU is a selfcontained and self-sustained task force capable of conducting everything from combat operations to providing humanitarian assistance.

KS17 is a bilateral exercise between Japan Self-Defense Forces and U.S. forces designed to increase combat readiness, communication and coordination between the two militaries to effectively and mutually respond to the defense of Japan, or to a crisis or contingency situation in the region. (PR)

## Japan Autumn Festival in Guam

TUMON, Guam—Don't miss out on the 37th Annual Japan Autumn Festival t the Gov. Flores Beach Park (Ypao Beach Park) on Nov. 19, Saturday, from 1:30pm to

Come down and celebrate traditional Japanese entertainment like a samurai show called Chambara. There will

also be Japanese cuisine and amusing games for kids.

Tickets will be available for purchase at the ticket booth. Booklet of 10 sheets is \$10. Get your tickets in advance to avoid the ticket booth crowd, You can purchase the ticket at the Tokyo Mart, Tamuning location on Nov. 15 to 18 (10am to 8pm).

There will be free shuttle bus transportation from the special parking across OKA Payless Super Market to Ypao Beach Park every 15 minutes starting at 1:30pm.

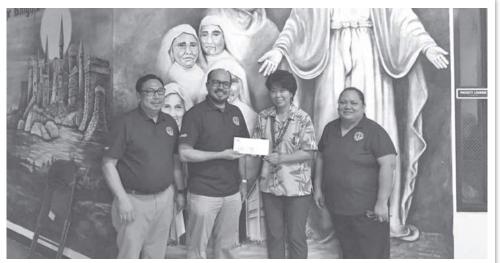
If you have further inquiries, contact the Japan Club of Guam office or Eigo Komatsu, public relations for Japan Club of Guam. (PR)



#### **EXPRESS FINANCIAL ETC DONATION**

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Express Financial recently made an Educational Tax Credit contribution to Mount Carmel School. School president Galvin Deleon Guerrero, center, visited their office to receive the donation presented by Marites "Tess" Cabaltica, Frank Ermitanio, Tom Masayos, and Ana Teregeyo-Villagomez.



#### PDI ETC DONATION

Hiroko Tajima from Pacific Development Inc. recently dropped by to make an Educational Tax Credit donation to Mount Carmel School on behalf of PDI. On hand to receive the donation were acting business manager Bobby Baldazo, school president Galvin Deleon Guerrero, and principal Frances SAIPAN TRIBUNE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016 17

## **Business**

## Americans going to polls against backdrop of an uneven economy

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. economy is lifting job growth and wages but not voters' spirits.

Americans are choosing a president against a backdrop of slow but steady growth that has managed to restore the economy from the crushing setback of the Great Recession. The government's October jobs report, released Friday, showed that hiring remains solid, with 161,000 jobs added. The unemployment rate is a low 4.9 percent.

Yet the recovery, the slowest since World War II, has left many Americans feeling left behind, especially those who lack high skills or education or who live outside major population centers.

"The (typical) U.S. household is in a much better spot than they were eight years ago," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics. "But it hasn't been a great decade for anyone either. You've still got a big chunk of the population who feels this hasn't worked for them."

The economy's weak spots are a top concern for a majority of voters, who say the U.S. economy is in poor shape, according to an Associated Press-GfK poll. At the same time, they say their own personal finances are good.

Fifty-three percent of voters say the economy is "poor," while 46 percent say "good," according to the poll, conducted Oct. 20-24. Yet 65 percent say their own finances are good, versus 34 percent who rate them poor.

Seventy-three percent of Hillary Clinton supporters say that the economy is good; just 16 percent of Donald Trump supporters say so.

And while 60 percent of whites say the economy is poor, 60 percent of nonwhites call it good. Yet whites and nonwhites are about equally likely to say their own personal finances are good.

Consider 73-year-old Charles Muller, who lives outside Trenton, New Jersey, and describes his personal finances as fine. He has a pension from 26 years as a state employee and receives Social Security.

But the broader economy seems fairly weak to Muller. A friend was laid off during the recession, then earned a teaching certificate, and yet still can't find a full-time teaching job. And a friend's daughter who recently graduated from college is stuck as an assistant manager of a

"I know a lot of people who are struggling and have been unable to find jobs commensurate with their education levels," Muller said. He is supporting Trump, though he sees the major presidential nominees as "the two worst candidates I've ever been given a choice of"

Here's a snapshot of the U.S. economy of the eve of the elections:

#### **SLOWER BUT STILL-SOLID HIRING**

The job market has proved itself resilient.

Employers have added an average of 181,000 jobs a month this year. That's down from last year's robust 229,000 average. But it's nearly double the monthly pace needed to lower the unemployment rate over time. The number of people seeking unemployment benefits is near a 40-year low—evidence that layoffs are scarce and most Americans are enjoying strong job security.

Blake Zalcberg, president of OFM, a furniture manufacturer in Raleigh, North Carolina, hopes to add nine employees to his 58-person company, including graphic artists, photographers and sales staff. He expects sales to grow by a third next year.

"It's a fairly robust furniture market," he said.

#### **PAY FINALLY ACCELERATING**

With the unemployment rate down to 4.9 percent from a peak of 10 percent in 2009, businesses have been forced to compete harder for new employees. That's giving workers more bargaining power when they seek new jobs and finally boosting pay. Average hourly wages grew 2.8 percent in October from a year earlier—the fastest 12-month pace in seven years. Still, historically speaking, that's not great. Wages typically rise at about 3.5 percent each year in a healthy

#### **CAUTIOUS CONSUMERS**

Steady hiring and modest pay increases have emboldened more Americans to buy highcost items like new cars. Auto sales are running near last year's record pace of more than 17 million vehicles. Yet caution still reigns: Americans' spending grew just 2.1 percent in the July-August quarter, down from a much healthier 4.3 percent in the previous three months.

#### **HOUSING HAS NEARLY RECOVERED**

The bursting of the last decade's housing bubble wiped out trillions in household wealth, cost more than 5 million Americans their homes and triggered the Great Recession. Yet the home market has mostly recovered, with nationwide average purchase prices just 7 percent below their 2006 peaks. Greater home values have helped many families recoup some of their lost wealth. Sales of existing homes have plateaued this year at a nearly healthy level of about 5.4 million.

Doug Duncan, chief economist at Fannie Mae, foresees sales growth slowing next year. But younger Americans are increasingly likely to buy homes, suggesting that millennials are tiring of living in apartments-or in their parents' basements- and are starting to move out.

#### **BUSINESSES HOLDING**

Companies with optimistic outlooks typically spend more on computers, machinery and other equipment to keep up with demand. Instead, in recent months the opposite has happened: Business investment in new equipment has fallen for four straight quarters. Some of that pullback occurred because oil drillers slashed spending on steel pipe and other gear in response to sharply lower oil prices. But many companies are also likely holding off on new spending until after the election, when potential economic policy changes will be clearer.

#### **WEAK WORKER PRODUCTIVITY**

The U.S. economy has failed to grow much more efficient. Since the recession began in 2007, productivity—or output per hour of work—has grown at less than one-third the annual pace it did from 2000 through 2007. Rising productivity is vital to raising living standards, because it enables companies to raise pay without raising prices.

Economists blame a range of factors for the slowdown: Americans are starting fewer new companies, which tend to be quicker to adopt new technologies. And weaker investment in roads, ports and other infrastructure has slowed shipping and commuting times.



#### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



#### **INVITATION FOR BIDS** CUC-RFP-17-006

#### MAUI SHAFT WELLS REHABILITATION PROJECT, SAIPAN, CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to develop the method and perform the construction work to remove the cave in soil material in the Maui 4 Shaft Well tunnel and rehabilitate the existing buildings, platforms, shaft, electrical components, elevator system and all other items listed in the scope of work for the Maui 1 and 4 shaft wells. Payment is only for the items completely nstalled and accepted by CUC. The duration of the contract is 375 calendar days from date of award.

This project is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from the

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on November 8, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to the Maui Shaft Wells facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

One (1) original and four (4) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-17-006—Maui Shaft Wells Rehabilitation Project" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than November 29, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A Proposal Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surely company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surely. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CMMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: https://marianaslabor.net/. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on November 10, 2016 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Yvonne Cabrera, CUC Water-Wastewater Jr. Engineer via email address yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

Acting Executive Director



#### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director





#### **INVITATION FOR BIDS** CUC-IFB-17-008

#### **BULK CHLORINE STORAGE FACILITY**

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the construction of a facility for the bulk storage of the CUC's chlorine supply in Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists of a building and site improvements to adequately store and secure chlorine gas cylinders, including all appurtenances and features necessary to comply with applicable standards, regulations and codes. The storage facility includes a chlorine storage area, an operator area to store personal protective equipment and an electrical/mechanical room, emergency showers, eye washing stations, chlorine gas scrubber equipment, ventilation system, fire protection, alarm systems and emergency power.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in 270 calendar days from date of award of contract

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Justen Landan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on November 3, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.15, Joeten Dandar

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUG-IFB-17-008. Bulk Chlorine Storage Facility Project" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Proc. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (CINST) on November 21, 2016, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional hids will not be considered

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a satisfactory to CHC for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). <u>Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their</u> insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

All responses to this Invitation for should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: https://marianaslabor.net/

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on November 7, 2016 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to John Riegel. Water/Wast Engineer via email address john riegel@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, Purchasing Assistant via email address marcela tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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MANNY B. SABLAN, Jr.

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## Nation

## Sheriff: Man killed at least 7, confesses to '03 slayings

WOODRUFF, S.C. (AP)— A South Carolina man killed at least seven people in a hidden crime spree that lasted more than a decade and only was uncovered when police rescued a woman locked in a storage container, authorities said Saturday.

Todd Kohlhepp accepted responsibility for an unsolved 13-year-old massacre one day before the 13th anniversary of the deaths that stumped authorities, said Sheriff Chuck Wright.

Kohlhepp confessed to the deaths of the owner, service manager, mechanic and bookkeeper of Superbike Motorsports, a motorcycle shop in Chesnee, in Spartanburg County.

"He's been very cooperative," said Wright, first elected sheriff in 2004. He's confident Kohlhepp's confession solved the case. "He told us some stuff nobody else ought to know."

Wright says Kohlhepp also showed law enforcement officers Saturday the gravesites of two of his other victims buried on his 95-acre property near Woodruff. Kohlhepp, in hand-



Todd Kohlhepp is escorted into a Spartanburg County magistrate courtroom, Friday, Nov. 4, 2016, in Spartanburg, S.C.

cuffs and wearing an orange jumpsuit, was at the site for less than an hour.

Those are in addition to the body found Friday at the site. Wright and Coroner Rusty

Clevenger identified that victim as 32-year-old Charles Carver, the boyfriend of the woman found in a locked metal container Thursday.

"God answered our prayers.

If it wasn't for him answering our prayers and Todd talking to us, I don't know that we'd ever solve that case," Wright said. The sheriff says it's possible more bodies will be uncovered.

When he was 15 and facing charges he raped a neighbor after forcing her into his home at gunpoint and tying her up, Todd Christopher Kohlhepp's father told court officials the only emotion the teen was capable of showing was anger, and a neighbor called him a "devil on a chain."

Fifteen years after he was released from prison for that crime, Spartanburg County deputies were brought to his property by the last known cellphone signals of two missing people. On Thursday, they found a woman chained in a container for two months. She told investigators that Kohlhepp shot and killed her boyfriend in front of her.

"They're obviously heartbroken," he said after talking to Carver's family. "It's terrible. I do think this helps with a little bit of closure. .. We prayed for God to show us. and He did.'

Carver died of multiple gunshot wounds. An anthropologist is helping determine how long Carver was buried,

**NEW YORK** (AP)—There

was never any doubt Juana

Alvarez's 18- and 20-year-

old American-born daughters

would be taking part in the

election this year. Alvarez did

"I had two people I want-

ed to get registered and I

registered them," Alvarez,

a 39-year-old housekeeper

in Brooklyn who came to

the U.S. from Mexico as

a teenager, said through a

her best to see to that.

Immigrants in US illegally

see this election as crucial

said Coroner Rusty Clevenger. He declined to say how many times Carver had been shot.

Kohlhepp is charged with kidnapping the woman. Authorities say more charges are coming.

It was an abrupt, but perhaps not unexpected turn for a man who spent his 20s in prison but after his release managed to get a private pilot license, build a real estate firm with more than a dozen agents and buy nearly 100 acres of land and erect a fence around it said to have cost \$80,000. On that land, dozens of officers continued to search Saturday for any additional bodies after the woman told investigators Kohlhepp claimed to have killed at least four others.

As a teen, Kohlhepp was cold and callous. He went to his 14-year-old rape victim's house after talking to her parents and making sure they wouldn't be home. He was smart, angry and felt the world owed him something, his chief probation officer wrote in court papers in Arizona in 1987.

## Race tightening, Clinton leans on retooled Obama coalition

**ATLANTA** (AP)—With Hillary Clinton's lead narrowing recently, the Democrat's path to the Oval Office appears to rest where it did at the outset - a retooled version of the alliance that twice elected President Barack Obama.

Her aides are calling it "the Hillary coalition," rather than "the Obama coalition," distinguished by her dependence on an apparent surge of Hispanic voters, while Obama set records for African-American turnout. But the foundations remain the same: nonwhite voters, millennials and women. Even some Republicans acknowledge that still gives Clinton an advantage over Donald Trump in an increasingly diverse country.

"Everything we are doing is reaching out to our core coalition," said Clinton aide Marlon Marshall.

Clinton's battleground blitz involves a bit of everything: 45 million phone calls and door-knocks in targeted neighborhoods; massive rallies with Barack and Michelle Obama in North Carolina and elsewhere; concerts with celebrities in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Trump maintains his confidence, energizing conservatives and working-class whites Clinton as a corrupt front for an unpopular political establishment. He's been buoyed by the FBI's revelations that agents are still eyeing Clinton's handling of classified national security material when she led the State Department.

In New Hampshire this past week, he warned electing Clinton "would create an unprecedented constitutional crisis." And he's mocking Clinton's celebrity lineups: "I am here all by myself. Just me. No guitar, no piano, no nothing."

Chris Carr, the Republican National Committee's political director, said Trump with sharpened attacks on is "rapidly closing in states which pundits said were out of reach just a few weeks ago." Yet Clinton's aides and more than a few Republicans still argue that she retains the upper hand, given the diversity in many battleground states key to amassing the 270 electoral votes required to win.

GOP pollster Whit Ayres said Trump's bounce reflects Republican voters who've reluctantly decided to support him. "But what that does," Ayres said, "is bring us back to the structural advantages ... the Democrats enjoy, and will continue to enjoy until my side figures out how to deal with a rapidly changing America."

translator. For Alvarez and the estimated 11 million other immigrants living illegally in the U.S., this is a potentially crucial election, with Republican Donald Trump talking about mass deportations and a border wall and Democrat Hillary Clinton pledging to support immigration reform and protect President Barack Obama's executive actions on behalf of immigrants.

Come Election Day, these immigrants will be watching from the sidelines, their future in the hands of others. Under the U.S. Constitution, only full citizens can vote; legal immigrants who are green card holders also are not allowed to cast a ballot.

Trump has spoken of fears of election fraud or that immigrants living illegally in the country might vote. More broadly, he has said all immigrants should play by the legal rules.

Alvarez and others like her say although they can't vote, they have been taking part in get-out-the-vote efforts among citizens.

In places like New York, California, Arizona and Virginia, they have been knocking on doors and making telephone calls, registering people, urging them to go to the polls, and telling their stories in hopes of persuading voters to keep the interests of immigrants in mind when they go into the booth.

"For me, it's important that those who can vote come out of the shadows and make their voices heard," Alvarez said.

Isabel Medina, a 43-yearold from Los Angeles who has been in the country illegally for 20 years and has three sons, two born in the U.S. has worked phone banks and taken part in voter registration drives for U.S. citizens, making sure that "even though they're frustrated, they are disappointed, they still realize it is really important, that they know the power that they have in their hands."

She says she emphasized the need to vote for all the races, not just the presidency, and the importance of taking part in referendums and propositions.

## Trump pressing into Democratic territory in final days

PEMBROKE PINES, Fla. (AP)—Fighting as a party of one, Donald Trump vowed Saturday to press into Democratic strongholds over the campaign's final days as Hillary Clinton looked to an army of A-list celebrities and politicos to defend her narrowing path to the presidency.

The divisive Republican outsider conceded he was largely on his own—even as he promised to march into Minnesota, a state that hasn't backed a GOP presidential nominee in more than four decades.

"Hillary Clinton has all of

politicians out campaigning for her," a defiant Trump said in North Carolina, one of four battleground states he was visiting on Saturday. "I just have me, but I have my family."

At a subsequent appearance in Nevada, a disturbance erupted near the podium in the middle of Trump's speech. Two agents rushed the Republican nominee off stage after someone yelled "Gun!", the Secret Service said in a statement. The person was apprehended but no weapon was found, the agency said.

Trump returned minutes

these celebrities and failed later and declared, "We will never be stopped."

Meanwhile, Democrat Clinton faced dark skies in Florida. fighting intense rain and wind in a key battleground state before a Pennsylvania appearance with pop singer Katy Perry. Clinton was preparing to campaign Sunday with basketball superstar Lebron James, having shared the stage the night before with music diva Beyoncé and hip hop mogul husband Jay Z.

"Tonight, I want to hear you roar," a smiling Clinton said before introducing Perry for a Saturday night performance in

Philadelphia.

Perry, who hugged Clinton while wearing a purple cape bearing the words, "I'm with Madam President," shouted, "In three days, let's make history!"

The final-days scramble highlighted sharp differences between the campaigns in a turbulent 2016 campaign season.

Backed by President Barack Obama and her party's political elite, Clinton spent much of the last year fighting to unify Obama's coalition of minorities and younger voters, aided at times by Trump's deep unpopularity among women in both parties.

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## Asia

## PH police say drug-linked mayor shot dead in jail

Philippines (AP)—Philippine police killed a town mayor in his jail cell in a purported gunbattle on Saturday, the second killing in a week of a politician linked to illegal drugs under President Rodrigo Duterte's brutal crackdown.

Rolando Espinosa Sr., the mayor of the town of Albuera in the central province of Leyte, and a fellow inmate were shot dead before dawn after they fired at officers who staged a raid in search of firearms and illegal drugs in the provincial jail in Leyte's Baybay city, police said.

Some officials and an anticrime watchdog have called for an investigation of the circumstances of the killings, wondering how the mayor and the other inmate got hold of guns and what prompted them to clash with several policemen while in detention.

"Offhand, I can smell extrajudicial killing," said Sen. Panfilo Lacson, a former national police chief, adding that the suspicious deaths were the "biggest challenge" to the credibility of the national police force, which is undertaking the anti-drug crackdown.

Last week, police allegedly killed another town mayor, Samsudin Dimaukom, and nine of his men in a gunbattle in the southern Philippines.

Espinosa and Dimaukom were among more than 160 officials named publicly by Duterte in August as part of a shame campaign. Espinosa's son, an alleged drug lord, was arrested in the United Arab Emirates' capital city of Abu Dhabi last month.

After being linked by Duterte to illegal drugs, Espinosa surrendered to the national police chief in August in a nationally televised event. He was later released, but was arrested last month after being indicted on drug and illegal possession of firearm charges.

Police estimate that more than 3,600 suspected drug dealers and users have been killed since Duterte took office on June 30. Many of those killed in the initial months of the crackdown were poor drug suspects, and police said "high-value targets," including mayors and drug lords, would be their next target in a new phase of the crackdown that was launched late last month.

The unprecedented crackdown and killings have helped ease crime, but the U.S. and other Western governments, along with human rights watchdogs, have been alarmed and called for an end to the killings. One human rights advocate has called the killings under Duterte a "human rights calamity."

Duterte has lashed out at President Barack Obama and other critics, saying he was dealing with a pandemic that has afflicted politics, corrupted even generals and threatened to turn the country into what he describes as a "narco state" similar to some Latin American countries.

## 2 former aides of Park arrested as S. Korea scandal widens

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korean prosecutors on Sunday formally arrested two former presidential aides as they bring their investigation over a bizarre political scandal that has engulfed the nation a step closer to President Park Geun-hye.

Park has issued consecutive apologies following suspicion that she allowed her longtime friend and daughter of a late cult leader to manipulate power from the shadows. But the apologies did little to assuage simmering public anger, which culminated in the largest anti-government rally in the capital in nearly a year on Saturday when tens of thousands of people demanded that Park step down.

The Seoul Central District Court granted prosecutors' request for the arrest of Ahn Jong-beom, Park's former senior secretary for policy coordination who is suspected of pressuring companies into making large donations to nonprofit organizations controlled by Park's friend, court spokesman Shin Jae-hwan said.

The court also issued an arrest warrant for Jung Ho-sung. another former presidential aide accused of passing on classified presidential documents to Choi Soon-sil, whose close relationship with Park triggered the scandal.

Prosecutors on Sunday also summoned for questioning Woo Byung-woo, former

senior presidential secretary for civil affairs who has been blamed for failing to prevent Choi from influencing state affairs and is embroiled in separate corruption allegations surrounding his family.

Park has admitted that she sent drafts of her speeches to Choi for editing. However, she avoided more damning allegations raised by the media that Choi perhaps meddled in important government decisions on policy and personnel. Choi was arrested earlier in the week on charges of abuse of authority and attempted fraud.

Tens of thousands of people rallied in Seoul on Saturday calling for the resignation of Park. But opposition parties, demanding that Park to step away from domestic affairs and transfer the duties to a prime minister picked by the parliament, have yet to make a serious push for Park's resignation or impeachment over concerns of negatively impacting next year's presidential race.

Holding banners, candles and colorful signs that read "Park Geun-hye out" and "Treason by a secret government," a sea of demonstrators filled a large square in front of an old palace gate and nearby streets, singing and thunderously applauding speeches calling for the ouster of the increasingly unpopular conservative president.

They shifted into a slow

march in streets around City Hall, shouting "Arrest Park Geun-hye," "Step down, criminal" and "We can't take this any longer," before moving back to the square and cheering on more speeches that continued into the night.

"Park should squarely face the prosecution's investigation and step down herself. If she doesn't, politicians should move to impeach her," said Kim Seo-yeon, one of the many college students who participated in the protest. "She absolutely lost all authority as president over the past few weeks."

Choi Kyung-ha, a mother of three, said her children asked her who Choi was "and whether she's the real president, and I couldn't provide an answer."

Police estimated the crowd at 45,000, although protest organizers said about 200,000 people turned out.

Park has tried to stabilize the situation by firing eight aides and nominating three new top Cabinet officials, including the prime minister, but opposition parties have described her personnel reshuffles as a diversionary tactic.

One national poll released Friday had Park's approval rating at 5 percent, the lowest for any president in South Korea since the country achieved democracy in the late 1980s following decades of military dictatorship.

## World

## Russian media backs Trump, questions democracy in US

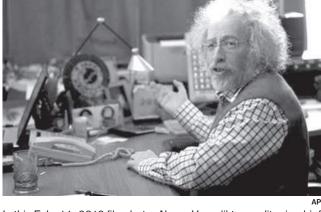
MOSCOW (AP)—Russian state-owned media does little to hide its preferences in the U.S. presidential election.

News reports about the race for the White House on Russian television devote most of their time to elaborating on Donald Trump's allegations that Hillary Clinton is corrupt and the election is rigged.

"Clinton has a choice. Either she gets the presidency or she goes behind bars," pro-Kremlin journalist Dmitry Kiselyov said during his flagship Sunday program on the state-controlled Vesti channel. Unlike the anti-establishment Trump, he told viewers, Clinton has the full backing of the U.S. security services, "oligarchic" corporations and the media.

Other reports on the Kremlin-controlled TV channels that are the primary source of news for most Russians have highlighted concerns about Clinton's health, linked her to sex scandals and suggested the Democratic Party is "panicking" over recent polls.

"My colleagues at these channels completely back Trump and show all the bad things about Clinton," said Aleksei Venediktov, the editor of liberal Russian radio station Ekho Moskvy.



In this Feb. 14, 2012 file photo, Alexey Venediktov, editor-in-chief of Echo of Moscow (Ekho Moskvy) radio station speaks to The Associated Press Television in his office in Moscow, Russia.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has repeatedly rejected claims that the Kremlin would like to see Trump win the White House. Experts, however, point to strong similarities between their positions on major foreign policy issues, including Syria and Ukraine.

The Russian media is pushing Trump's candidacy "very, very aggressively," according to a European Union official who monitors the Russian media and spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to speak publicly on the issue.

The presidential battle has been widely covered, though it usually appears in news bulletins after domestic news and stories about Russia's military action in Syria.

Much of the focus has been on Clinton, who is portrayed as a Russophobe, a warmonger and responsible for bloodshed in the Middle East.

The latest leak of emails from Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta inspired a report titled "what's with Clinton's head?" on the statecontrolled NTV television channel. It showed footage of Clinton coughing heavily and tripping when entering a plane, along with excerpts from a Soviet cartoon comparing her to a sick grandmother.

Vladimir Solovyov, a prominent presenter on NTV, said it's not that Russian media backs Trump, but rather that they dislike Clinton.

## Human shields, barricades slow Iraqi advance into Mosul

MOSUL, Iraq (AP)—Islamic State fighters launched Saturday counterattacks against Iraqi special forces in eastern Mosul, emerging from populated areas deeper in the city to target the troops with mortars and suicide car bombs in clashes that raged late into the night.

Artillery shelling thundered across the city as snipers traded fire from rooftops and civilians emerged from the front lines waving white flags. There were fresh indications that other residents were being held back by the militants to be used as human shields.

The seesawing battle highlights the challenges ahead for Iraqi forces as they press into more densely populated neighborhoods of the country's second largest city, where they will not be able to rely as much on airstrikes because of the risk of killing civilians.

"Daesh is in the city center and we must be very careful

as our forces advance," said Maj. Gen. Sami al-Aridi of the Iraqi special forces, using the Arabic acronym for IS.

The special forces entered the Gogjali district, on the eastern edge of Mosul, on Tuesday, marking their first major foray into the city itself after more than two weeks of fighting in its rural outskirts.

IS fought back Saturday, pushing the special forces from the southern edge of the neighborhood. Both sides fired mortar rounds and automatic weapons, while the Iraqi troops also responded with artillery. Snipers dueled from rooftops in residential areas, where most buildings are just two stories high.

Dozens of civilians emerged from their homes over the course of the day, some carrying white flags. Many civilians traveling with children and elderly relatives said they had to walk more than 6 miles (10 kilometers) to reach a camp for the displaced.

Just a few kilometers (miles) from the clashes, Iraqi officers coordinating airstrikes with the U.S.led coalition watched live drone footage showing a team of IS fighters regrouping near the front line.

"They're moving in front of the mosque," an Iraqi soldier said as he called in an airstrike, which moments later flattened a small building. Civilians moved into the area soon thereafter, and the soldiers said the militants appeared to have corralled them there to prevent further strikes.

"Daesh have continued to hide behind civilians and facilitate harm to them," said Col. John Dorrian, a spokesman for the U.S.-led coalition, which has been launching airstrikes to aid the Iraqi advance.

He said Iraqi forces and the coalition "developed a plan that is intended to reduce the possibility of civilian casualties and collateral damage."

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## Health & Fitness

#### TO FIGHT CHILDHOOD OBESITY:

## Task force recommends screening all kids starting at age 6

By KAREN KAPLAN

LOS ANGELES TIMES

The fight against childhood obesity should begin in doctors' offices with routine weight screening for all kids ages 6 and up, according to fresh advice from health experts.

Draft guidelines from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force urge pediatricians and other clinicians to check the body mass index of children and adolescents to identify patients who would benefit from weight counseling programs. These "comprehensive, intensive behavioral interventions" have been shown to help participants change the trajectory of their weight gain, cutting their odds of a lifetime of obesity.

For kids, the official definition of obesity is having a body mass index in the top 5 percent for one's age and gender, based on official growth charts. Ideally, that means only 5 percent of children and teens are obese. But in America today, 17 percent of kids have a BMI high enough to fit that description. (Another 32 percent are overweight, with a BMI that puts them between the top 5 percent and 15 percent on growth charts.)

Children who are obese none," they wrote.

suffer health problems such as asthma, sleep apnea, high blood pressure, insulin resistance and orthopedic issues. They are also more likely to develop psychological and mental health problems, according to research reviewed by the task force.

Reducing childhood obesity would reduce the incidence of these medical issues. But the larger goal of screening is to make a dent in the number of obese children who become obese adults. Most obese teens — nearly 80 percent, according to long-term tracking studies — are on track to be obese when they grow up.

Overall, childhood obesity has stabilized in the United States. But rates are still climbing for certain groups of kids, such as Latino boys and black girls. The task force also noted that the proportion of obese kids who qualify as severely obese is growing.

The authors of the proposed guidelines are under no illusion that universal obesity screening will be a silver bullet. Even the best programs to modify kids' behavior resulted in only a "moderate" benefit, they wrote. But the downside risks of screening are "small to

## UN expert: Junk food is a human rights concern

UNITED NATIONS (AP)— A U.N. expert says junk food is a human rights concern.

Hilal Elver, the U.N.'s special representative on the right to food, said Tuesday the rise of industrial food production combined with trade liberalization has allowed large corporations to flood the global market with cheap, nutrientpoor foods that force poor people to choose between economic viability and nutrition, effectively violating their right to adequate food.

"Within the human rights framework, states are obliged to ensure effective measures to regulate the food industry, ensure that nutrition policymaking spaces are free from private sector influence and implement comprehensive policies that combat malnutrition in all its forms," she said.

Elver said that countries must go beyond simply ensuring their people the minimum requirements needed for survival and ensure access to food that is nutritionally adequate. She said that the international community is failing to meet globally agreed upon nutrition targets that seek to eradicate malnutrition in all its forms.

She said that while there were nearly 800 million people living in hunger around the globe, more than 2 billion people suffer from micronutrient deficiency and another 600 million people are obese, meaning nearly half the world's population could be considered without access to inadequate food.

Elver said she was particularly concerned by aggressive marketing strategies to promote junk food to children and developing countries. And she called on governments to move away from industrial food systems and embrace more sustainable systems based on ecological balance.

"The first step is to recognize nutrition as an essential component of the human right to adequate food, reinforced by monitoring accountability and transparency," Elver said.

The types of programs that work involve at least 26 hours of counseling over several weeks or months. The more hours involved, the better the results.

Successful programs reviewed by the task force included counseling sessions not just for children who were obese but for parents and other family members as well. They taught patients how to improve their eating habits, including the importance of reading labels on packaged foods. They showed patients ways to exercise safely. They taught kids to keep tempting treats out of sight (and out of mind). And they helped them learn how to set goals for themselves, and monitor their progress toward reaching them.

In 16 clinical trials that tested these programs, most participants gained no more than 5 pounds while growing in height, leading to lower BMIs. Meanwhile, patients assigned to control groups gained up to 17 pounds.

On the psychological side, the programs resulted in small improvements in self-esteem, mental health and quality of life. The changes were too small to be statistically significant.

The task force also considered the pros and cons of two medications — metformin and orlistat — that are sometimes prescribed to help kids lose weight. In clinical trials, both drugs helped patients lose a little weight. But the amount on the order of 5 to 7 pounds was too small for doctors to be sure it would make a real difference for patients.

Against that modest benefit, studies found that orlistat (sold under the brand names Xenical and Alli) frequently caused side effects such as abdominal pain, cramps, oily stools and fecal incontinence.

In the end, the task force decided to recommend only behavioral interventions for weight loss. The panel did not consider bariatric surgery, noting that any patient heavy enough to be a candidate could be identified without screening.

The proposed guidelines were released Tuesday. Members of the public may comment on them until Nov. 28.

#### **Kids Health Matters**

## **Healthy diet for school**

A balanced diet enables neurotransmitters, the brain's chemical messengers, to function efficiently for good concentration and memory.

#### **Breakfast**

Research shows kids should always eat breakfast; choose:

 Whole grain cereal, oatmeal or bread

 Protein, such as peanut butter or hard-boiled egg

Whole fruit instead of fruit juice

#### Lunch

Dietitians recommend packing a lunch; choose:

Whole grain,

such as tortillas or bread

 Assortment of fruits and vegetables

· Lean protein, such as tuna, turkey or chicken

#### Dinner

A good dinner ensures a good night of sleep; choose:

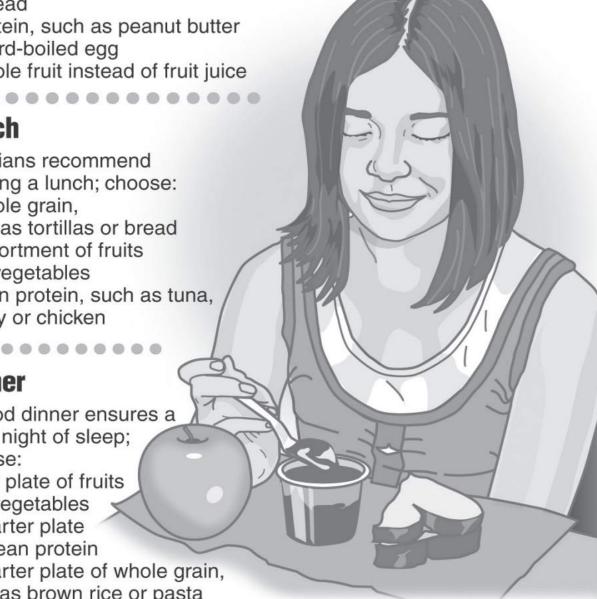
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 Half plate of fruits and vegetables

 Quarter plate of a lean protein

 Quarter plate of whole grain, such as brown rice or pasta

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## Life & Style

## Bill Maher campaigns, and Obama elects to be on his show

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Bill Maher got an early holiday gift this week: a much-sought-after sit-down with President Barack Obama.

There were no bombshells or funny business during the conversation taped Tuesday at the White House and aired on HBO's "Real Time" Friday night.

Obama spoke with pride of his achievements during his two terms as chief executive, saying "every single issue we've made progress on" will be on the ballot next Tuesday in the form of the opposing candidates. He implored voters to choose Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton over Republican challenger Donald Trump, and not stay "sitting on the sidelines."

He voiced concern for what he called the "Balkanization" of the news media.



"If you don't have some common baseline of facts ... it's very hard to figure out how we move democracy forward," he said, adding, "If I

watched Fox News, I wouldn't vote for me either."

Maher raised a pet issue legalization of marijuana noting that "you and I could both have had our lives ruined not by smoking it, but by getting arrested for it." Obama acknowledged a need for "a more serious conversation about In this Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016 photo provided by HBO, host Bill Maher, right, speaks with his interview guest, President Barack Obama, left, during a taping of the television show "Real Time with Bill Maher," at the White House in Washington.

how we're treating marijuana and our drug laws in general."

For months, Maher had waged an on-air campaign to persuade Obama to appear on "Real Time" before leaving office. After all, Obama

(to whose 2012 re-election campaign Maher famously contributed \$1 million) had appeared on such niche programs as Marc Maron's podcast, Jerry Seinfeld's "Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee" and the Zach Galifianakishosted talk-show spoof "Between Two Ferns." Surely it was Maher's turn!

Maher's audience agreed with him, to judge from the more than 320,000 signatures collected on an online petition he launched in February to win the president over.

#### Fox apologizes for inaccurate Hillary Clinton report

NEW YORK (AP)—Fox News Channel apologized Friday for an inaccurate report this week that Hillary Clinton would likely be indicted as a result of an investigation by the FBI into the Clinton Foundation.

Fox's Bret Baier, who initially reported on the case Wednesday, said Friday that "it was a mistake, and for that I'm sorry."

Clinton's critics have accused her family of giving donors special access to the State Department when Clinton was secretary of state.

The Associated Press reported this week that FBI agents seeking an investigation into the foundation talked to Justice Department lawyers last winter about allegations they wanted to pursue, but prosecutors were wary about the strength of the information they presented. It's unclear whether FBI agents are still looking into the foundation.

Fox's report, less than a week before Election Day,

was a potential bombshell—if it held up.

Baier began walking back his report the next day, saying that his phrasing had been inartful. "Well, that wasn't just inartful, it was a mistake," he said Friday.

"Indictment obviously is a very loaded word ... especially in this atmosphere, and no one knows if there would or would not be an indictment no matter how strong investigators feel their evidence is," he said. Baier hasn't identified the sources for his original report.

Baier also said in his original report that his sources believed with "a 99 percent accuracy" that Clinton's email server had been hacked by at least five foreign intelligence agencies.

He said Friday that he had one source for that information, and that while others believe that is probable, "there are still no digital fingerprints of a breach no matter what the working assumption is within the bureau."

## Brad Pitt seeks joint custody in divorce from Angelina Jolie

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Brad Pitt is asking a judge to grant him joint custody of his six children in his split from Angelina Jolie Pitt, according to a divorce filing Friday.

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The actor's request was included in his response to Jolie Pitt's Sept. 20 petition to end their two-year marriage. The actress sought sole physical

custody of their six children,

Custody has been the major issue in the breakup so far, with authorities investigating Pitt over what happened during a dispute on a pri-

who range in age from 8 to 15.

ing Pitt over what happened during a dispute on a private flight with his family in mid-September. The couple reached a temporary custody agreement that allowed the actor to visit his children while the investigation by a child welfare agency in Los Angeles is ongoing.

The outcome of the investigation could impact how a judge determines custody arrangements, although courts in California generally favor awarding joint custody. The actors could also reach a private agreement that would not involve a public custody fight in court.

Pitt's filing does not in-

the couple's breakup. Pitt cited irreconcilable differences and makes no mention of a prenuptial agreement that will govern how the pair divides their assets. He also cites Sept. 15 as the day of their separation, one day after the alleged plane altercation between Pitt and his 15-year-

old son, Maddox.

clude any new details about

#### 'Long Live Rock' sign unveiled at Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

CLEVELAND (AP)—The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland is greeting visitors in its plaza with a new sign made of giant red letters that proclaim "Long Live Rock."

The Plain Dealer (http://

bit.ly/2f4gt30 ) reports the outdoor sign will be formally dedicated Thursday as officials share details of a multimillion-dollar redesign expected to include the Hall of Fame and main ex-

hibit spaces.

The new sign in front of the Rock Hall's glass, pyramid-shaped lobby is part of a larger plaza remake. The letters are 6 feet high, and the phrase stretches 78 feet long.

Hall of Fame spokesman Todd Mesek says the sign adds another "iconic element" to the Cleveland landmark. He says visitors already have been spotted snapping photos

#### Teen treated like dirt should dust herself off and move on

EAR ABBY: It has been two years, and I haven't been able to get over my first love. I just graduated from high school and I'll soon be 18, but I still can't get used to the idea that he's gone. When we broke up, he made me feel like dirt.

We had been a couple since my freshman year, and he dumped me at the beginning of my junior year because I didn't want to give him my virginity. Later I discovered he had been cheating on me with my best friend. Please help.

CAN'T MOVE ON

DEAR CAN'T MOVE ON: Why did you allow him to make you feel like "dirt"? Be GLAD you didn't have sex with him. If you HAD, he would probably have cheated on you anyway.

You have your whole life ahead of you. Please don't waste one more second of it looking over your shoulder and pining for someone who would punish you for hanging onto your values. You did the right thing, and you should have no regrets.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a 7-year-old son who seems to be growing up faster than I would like at times. With today's mu-

sic, video games, TV and movies, there are some things regarding sex I can't prevent him from seeing or learning if I haven't screened the contents.

I realize my son knows more than I would like for a child his age to know. Because of this, my husband thinks it's time to have the "birds and the bees" talk. I'm not ready to have that talk, and I don't believe my son is at an age to have this talk either

My husband is a psych major who never fails to remind me how knowledgeable he thinks he is as he tries to convince me that our son is ready. I know that one day my son will be curious about his body, but is now that time? Am I wrong in thinking he's too young?

NOT READY IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR NOT READY: I don't know your son, how much adult material he has been exposed to or how mature he is for his age. But I believe the "birds and bees" talk should be an ongoing dialogue rather than one speech.

Children should know the correct terms for their body parts, and what "private" means so they can communicate effectively. I don't think it's harmful for children to know where puppies, kittens and baby birds come from.

#### **DEAR ABBY**

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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In another conversation, they should know what "pregnant" means.

Your son should also know that if he has ANY questions, he can come to you and his father and get straight answers. The question, "How does the baby get there?" will probably come in another year or two. And when it is asked, he should be answered in a straightforward manner.

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## **Pastimes**

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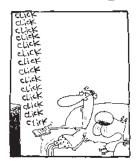
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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jason** and Jeremy London, 44; David Guetta, 49; Joni Mitchell, 73

Happy Birthday: Your heart will say one thing and your head another. Recognize all parameters of the situations you encounter before making a move or saying something you cannot take back. Spend time developing your relationships, projects and personal goals and taking whatever opportunities you get to enjoy the fruits of your labor. Live in the moment, but don't forget the past. Your numbers are 9, 15, 24, 29, 36, 42, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take what's offered. You don't always have to do everything in order to control a situation. Take some time to enjoy the people around you. Being a team player will enhance your life. Romance is on the rise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Making assumptions will get you into trouble. An emotional incident is best downplayed. Use your intelligence and stay focused on what you need to accomplish. Take on a challenge that will require you to test your skills. 😂

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): You may not please everyone, but it's better to worry about your own happiness instead. A position that interests you is worth examining further. Don't let anyone use emotional means to persuade you to do something you don't want to do. **00000** 

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Try something altogether different from anything you've ever done before. The exhilarating feeling will be rejuvenating. Travel and sharing experiences with people who inspire you will lead to new beginnings and a promising lifestyle



stops and turn your attention to making personal changes that will help you stand out in the crowd. Networking functions will pay off, and celebrating with someone special will bring you closer together.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Challenges will get you up and moving. Embrace whatever comes your way and turn it into a platform to show off your skills. Engage in conversations and network with people you find

engaging, and you will get ahead. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Why pause when you should be making things happen? Jump into action and head in the direction you wish. The longer you deny yourself the chance to follow your dreams, the more regret and disappointment you will experience. OOOOO

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't count on anyone or anything. It's up to you to make things happen and to follow through with your plans. Learn to exercise moderation even when temptation comes into play. Concentrate on creativity and mastering what you love to do most. 👀

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Recognize what it is you want. You cannot make positive change unless you own up to the facts and adjust your future. Wallowing in denial will only leave you feeling sorry for yourself. Shake it off and get moving. ••••

**EUGENIA** LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Pull out all the

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): An emotional incident must not be allowed to interfere with your work or professional plan. Look for a way to deal with both personal and professional responsibilities using the incentives that will help you find support. •••

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look for alternatives that offer a higher income or an investment that will add to your security. A chance to change the way you do things may not be advised by everyone, but this time you need to follow your heart.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be careful how you approach sensitive issues. You'll be limited in what you can do if you take on too much. Refuse to let anyone put demands on your time. Falling short on what's important isn't acceptable. You call the

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE

**NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS** 

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE MANUEL T. SABLAN OR OF HIS

Sablan, has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to issue

Letters of Administration for the Estate of Manuel T. Sablan

Letters of Administration for the Estate of Manuel T. Sablan Aka: "Tun Manet Sheriff," Decedent. Th attorney for Petitioner is Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Sajan, MP 96950.

The hearing on the Petition for Letters or Administration by Robert R. Sablan, as Petitioner, is scheduled to be heard on November 17, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guma' Hustisk, Civic Center, Sajaan. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands All interested necessor are criticise school annex at this hearing.

Persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

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of the first publication, or the claim(s) will be barred. A copy of your daim should also be sent to **ROBERT TENORIO TORRES,** 

Attorney at Law at the address herein-above indicated

Dated this 18th day of October, 2016

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Estate of : CIVIL ACTION CANDELARIA KILELEMAN

Deceased

#### AMENDED NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation has filed a Petition for Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Candelaria Kileleman, Deceased: and that the said Petition will be heard by the Court on Thursday December 15, 2016, at the hour of 9:00 a.m.

Notice is also given to all heirs of and persons having claims against the Estate of Candelaria Kileleman, Deceased, and to all persons claiming interest in said Estate, that they shall file such claim: with the Clerk of this Court within sixty (60) days from the first publication of this Notice. Copies of such claims should be provided to Michael A. White, Esg., The Law offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, P.O. Box 5222 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950, Attorney for Petitioner. All claims not so filed shall be forever barred

Dated: November 3, 2016

/s/ Clerk of Court

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS JUDICIARY

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/S/ HON. ALEXANDRO C. CASTRO Chief Justice

/S/ JOHN T. VILLAGOMEZ Judiciary procurement officer



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## Pacquiao wins lopsided decision with Mayweather watching



LAS VEGAS (AP)—Floyd Mayweather Jr. stopped by to see an old

foe, and Manny Pacquiao tried his best to give him a show.

With Mayweather watching intently from a ringside seat, Pacquiao dropped Jessie Vargas in the second round and bloodied his face Saturday night on his way to a lopsided decision that gave him a piece of the welterweight title once again.

Pacquiao won on all three ringside scorecards - 118-109, 118-109 114-113 - to take the piece of the title Vargas won in his last fight. The AP scored it 119-109 for Pacquiao.

"Not bad," Mayweather said, giving Pacquiao a thumbs up after the fight.

It was vintage Pacquiao at times, even though he couldn't stop Vargas like he desperately wanted to. And with Mayweather at ringside it certainly will stir talk of a second fight between the boxers who went at it last year in the richest fight ever.

That, of course, would depend on Mayweather coming out of retirement and Pacquiao being able to fight while still attending to his duties as



Manny Pacquiao, right, of the Philippines, hits Jessie Vargas during their WBO welterweight title boxing match, Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016, in Las Vegas.

a senator in the Philippines. Mayweather did not answer questions about a possible return to the ring shouted at him

"I invited him to be here tonight," Pacquiao said, saying "we'll see" when asked if the two could meet again.

from the opening bell, trying to score a knockdown. He looked as if he would when he caught Vargas with a straight left that put him on the canvas,

woman brought a goat mask

but Vargas got up quick and fought the distance.

"I feel I could do more but every round I tried to knock him out," Pacquiao said. Just before the bell rang to

start the fight, Pacquiao smiled and waved a fist at Mayweather. He clearly wanted to impress Mayweather, who won their first fight easily.

But Pacquiao, who has not knocked out an opponent in seven years, wasn't going to stop the younger Vargas in his hometown. Vargas had difficulty dealing with Pacquiao's speed, but was more than willing to trade punches to try and lure him into a brawl.

In the eighth round he succeeded at doing that, hitting Pacquiao with a big right and punching his gloves together as if to tell him to stand and fight. Pacquiao went right back after him and they traded punches before staring at each other when the bell sounded to end the round.

"Fighting Manny Pacquiao is like playing a very fast game of chess," Vargas said. "You have to be alert at all times, there are a lot of punches coming in. He was very fast and he was very sharp."

Vargas was cut over the right eye by an accidental clash of heads in the eighth, and blood trickled into his eve but it didn't seem to be a factor.

The taller Vargas landed some good right hands of his own, but they were infrequent and he rarely followed up on them. Still, they were enough to keep Pacquiao away at times and offset some of his advantage with speed.

"I didn't want to be careless," Pacquiao said. "I was very careful to go inside because I know he will counter me."

Pacquiao was credited with landing 147 of 409 punches to 104 of 562 for Vargas. Pacquiao also was given a 101-70 advantage in power punches.

Mayweather took a ringside seat alongside his daughter to watch the man who helped make him untold millions when they fought in 2015. Mayweather won that fight, and Pacquiao's performance was largely panned, though he claimed to have an injured shoulder.

Pacquiao, fighting in his 22nd title fight in a pro career that stretches back to 1995, trained at night in the Philippines in the weeks leading up to the fight so he could tend to his day job as a newly elected senator. With the senate out of session, he was back in a more familiar place, with a crowd of some 16.132 nearly filling the UNLV campus arena to watch him take on Vargas, who was in only his second title bout.

Pacquiao, who earned a reported \$100 million to fight Mayweather in the richest fight ever, was guaranteed \$4 million plus a percentage of the revenue of the fight. Vargas got \$2.8 million.

Pacquiao improved to 59-6-2, while Vargas fell to 27-2.

#### by writers at ringside. Pacquiao pressed the fight Millions celebrate winning Chicago Cubs with parade, rally

**CHICAGO** vember blazed like dazzling springtime in Chicago during a massive parade and rally Friday to honor the Cubs' first World Series title in 108 years and fulfill more than a century of pent-up dreams.

A new generation of Cubs fans-riding in strollers or on their parents' shouldersjoined their elders to cheer the baseball champions. For the youngest, the day would be their first bright memory of following a club once known as "lovable losers."

Their parents marveled at how their children will know the confident, young team as winners.

"It's a whole new Cubs world," said Dean Anderson, 51 of Chicago who brought his 10-year-old son, Chase, to see the players' motorcade as it rolled out from Wrigley Field at the start of the parade route. The "lovable loser thing"-and all the accompanying lore embroidered by long-suffering fan loyalty-may be lost to the newest fans, Anderson said, but "we've had enough of that."

A crowd, estimated by city officials at 5 million, lined Michigan Avenue and Lake Shore Drive to cheer the motorcade of open-roofed buses carrying the players along a 7-mile parade route from the north side ballpark to sprawling Grant Park. The city's tally included everyone who lined the route and the rally throngs. Friday was

already a scheduled day off for Chicago Public Schools.

Revelers crawled up trees streetlight

poles to get a better view along the route. Others sat atop shoulders to watch the team buses shimmering under a spray of red and blue

Steve Angelo of Chicago carried his 4-year-old son, Nicholas who held a "World Champs" sign.

"For him, the more and more they win now, at his earlier age, the more and more excitement there is," Angelo said. "There's parades, and people talk about it more on the radio and TV. It's going to be a lot more exciting now."

During the jubilant festivities at the park, 39-year-old retiring Cubs catcher David Ross posed for a selfie in front of a multitude of roaring fans.

Ross and the other players

put their arms around each other and sang "Go Cubs Go" from the stage along with the blissed-out crowd.

"It happened, baby. It happened!" proclaimed 27-yearold first baseman Anthony Rizzo to adoring cheers.

> Team manager Joe Maddon - wearing a stocking cap, sunglasses and a jersey over a "We did not suck" T-shirt

> - looked out over a

sea of blue

"Welcome to Cubstock 2016!" Maddon said. "This is an incredible moment for all of us. Never have I experienced anything like Wrigley Field on a nightly basis. ... I want to congratulate you fans also. Thank you for being so patient."

A victory party is new territory for stoical fans of the Cubs, whose last World Series title—before their Game 7, extra-inning thriller Wednesday night in Cleveland—came in 1908. The last time the Cubs even reached the Fall Classic was in 1945.

Superstitions die hard. Miriam Santiago, 51, said she carried holy water, her rosary and a bright green lucky baseball with her during the playoffs. On Friday, the Chicago with dynamite in its mouth and let other fans pose for photos wearing it outside the ballpark. Her lucky charms helped reverse the Curse of the Billy Goat, she said, referring to the story of a Chicago tavern owner who supposedly put a hex on the team after his pet goat was turned away from Wrigley during the 1945 World Series.

For days, Cubs mania has spread throughout the city and state. The cast of the Chicago production of "Hamilton" led a sold-out audience in singing "Go Cubs Go" during the Thursday night curtain call. Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner declared Friday as "World Champion Chicago Cubs Day" statewide The city dved the Chicago River a bright shade of blue to match the Cubs' colors, repurposing a decades-long tradition of dyeing the river green on St. Patrick's Day.

Far from being sad about bidding their team farewell for the year, fans looked forward to the future.

Outfielder Kyle Schwarber, 23, took the microphone Friday and put it into words for the fans: "I love you guys. We're world champs. Let's do it again next year."

## James is NBA's No. 10 career scorer, Cavs edge 76ers

PHILADELPHIA
(AP)—LeBron
James scored 25
points, moving into
10th place on the
NBA's career list,
and added 14 assists

and eight rebounds as the unbeaten Cleveland Cavaliers held off the winless Philadelphia 76ers 102-101 on Saturday night.

Kevin Love added 20 points and 11 rebounds for the reigning champion Cavaliers, who improved to 6-0.

Joel Embiid scored 22 points, making all four of his 3-point attempts, but the 76ers dropped to 0-5.

James passed Hall of Famer Hakeem Olajuwon by converting a fast-break layup midway through the first quarter. Olajuwon finished his career with 26,946 points.

It looked to be an easy night for the Cavaliers at that point. But the 76ers nearly shocked them.

Channing Frye's 3-pointer with 1:05 left gave the Cavaliers a 102-101 lead.

After a turnover by Philadelphia's Sergio Rodriguez, J.R. Smith missed a 3 with 15 seconds left that would've clinched it. Philadelphia coach Brett Brown then called a timeout with 7.3 seconds remaining. The 76ers were trying to get the ball to Embiid, but they couldn't and Gerald Henderson turned the ball over as he tried to get a shot off in the final seconds.

James' first attempt at passing the record was an emphatic, highlight-reel block by Embiid about 3 ½ minutes into the contest. After two more misses, James quickly raced up the court for an easy layup.

He is No. 12 in scoring on the combined ABA/NBA list.

The 76ers remained one of three winless teams in the NBA, along with Dallas and New Orleans. Philadelphia opened last season by tying a league record with 18 straight losses. The 76ers have lost their last 42 games in October and November, dating to an overtime win over Milwaukee on Nov. 22, 2013.

Ersan Ilyasova, playing in his second game for Phila-



delphia after being acquired on Tuesday from Oklahoma City for Jerami Grant, added 21 points.

Philadelphia battled back from an 18-point, first-half deficit.

Jahlil Okafor scored six points as Philadelphia outscored Cleveland 16-9 over the first 5:50 of the final quarter, taking its biggest lead on Henderson's short jumper that made it 96-91 with 6:10 remaining. Smith's 3-pointer with 2:50 left put Cleveland back in front, 99-98. But Ilyasova answered with a 3-pointer 13 seconds later to give the 76ers a 101-99 advantage.

The 76ers trimmed their 11-point halftime deficit to two points four times in the final 2 ½ minutes of the third quarter, the last coming with 4.8 seconds left when Embiid banked in a 3-pointer from the top of the key to make it 82-80 entering the final quarter. It was Embiid's fourth 3-pointer

in four tries.

The Cavaliers used a 16-0 run to finish the first quarter, helping them to a 34-19 lead. James played all 12 minutes of the opening quarter, finishing with six points, four rebounds and seven assists.

With James resting for the first 7:05 of the second quarter, Philadelphia got as close as 47-44 before James ignited a 10-0 run with a one-handed dunk. Love's 3-pointer with 1:04 remaining before half-time finished the spurt that gave Cleveland a 57-44 advantage. The Cavaliers held a 57-46 lead at halftime.

#### Clippers 116, Spurs 92

In San Antonio, Blake Griffin scored a season-high 28 points as the Clippers handed San Antonio a second straight home loss.

The Spurs have dropped two straight at the AT&T Center after losing just two regular-season home games in the previous 600 days, including a 40-1 mark last season.

The Clippers shot 50 percent from the field while dominating this battle between one-loss teams.

Jamal Crawford finished with 16 points, J.J. Redick had 14 and Chris Paul had nine points and 10 assists.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 19 points and Kawhi Leonard added 14 for the Spurs, but the duo shot a combined 10 for 26 on the second night of a backto-back.

#### Hawks 112, Rockets 97

In Atlanta, Dwight Howard had 20 points and 14 rebounds in his first game against his former teammates while Paul Millsap scored 23 as Atlanta beat Houston.

The Hawks' scoring was unusually top-heavy. Kent Bazemore shook out of his early season scoring slump with 20 points.

James Harden scored 30 points and continued his hot start to the season by making 10 of 19 shots. He had 12 assists and nine rebounds.

Most of Harden's scoring came in the first half, when he had 24 points and all of his four 3-pointers in the game.

Harden has recorded at least 30 points and 10 assists in four of Houston's first six games.

Atlanta led most of the game as it snapped a streak of two straight losses.

#### Pacers 111, Bulls 94

In Indianapolis, C.J. Miles scored 20 points and Myles Turner added 16 as Indiana shut down weary Chicago.

All-Star Paul George was ejected late in the third quarter after he inadvertently kicked the ball into the stands. He appeared to be upset following a no-call on a shot, then was called for a foul on the Bulls' ensuing possession.

He made his first five shots and finished with 13 points — the first time this season he's been held to less than 20.

Jimmy Butler scored 16

points but at halftime had nearly as many turnovers (four) as the Pacers had committed as a team (five). Rajon Rondo wasn't much better, and even Dwyane Wade struggled — finishing with four points as the Bulls lost their third in a row.

#### Thunder 112, Timberwolves 92

In Oklahoma City, Russell Westbrook scored 28 points to help Oklahoma City beat Minnesota.

Westbrook also had eight assists and six rebounds. The Thunder improved to 5-1 on the season, matching their best six-game start since moving to Oklahoma City for the 2008-09 season.

Enes Kanter had 20 points and 10 rebounds, Steven Adams scored 14 points and Victor Oladipo added 12 for the Thunder in their first game since being blown out by Golden State and former teammate Kevin Durant on Thursday.

The Thunder shot 52 percent from the field and held the Timberwolves to 39 percent shooting.

Karl-Anthony Towns scored 33 points for the Timberwolves after scoring 32 Thursday night against Denver. No one else on the team reached double figures until the fourth quarter.

#### Magic 88, Wizards 86

In Orlando, Florida, Jeff Green

Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James goes up for the dunk with Philadelphia 76ers' Joel Embiid trailing him during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016, in Philadelphia.

came off the bench to score 18 points and Evan Fournier added 13 to help Orlando beat Washington.

On a night when the Magic starters struggled offensively, Frank Vogel elected to go with his bench for extended minutes in the fourth quarter and it paid off big. Green scored 10 points in the fourth and Mario Hezonja added eight of his nine points in the final period, while Bismack Biyombo came up with a couple of blocked shots to lift the Magic out of a 12-point, third-quarter deficit.

Biyombo was big all night in the interior blocking shots and changing others when the Wizards came into the lane. He finished with nine points, three blocks and 12 rebounds.

The Wizards, who were playing without point guard John Wall, couldn't convert down the stretch. After hitting several clutch shots down the stretch during Friday night's win over Atlanta, Bradley Beal missed his final three shots and Markieff Morris missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

#### Pistons 103, Nuggets 86

In Auburn Hills, Michigan, Andre Drummond had 19 points and 20 rebounds as Detroit breezed to another easy win at home.

The Pistons have won all four of their home games this season by double digits, and they haven't trailed by more than three points in any of them. They were never behind Saturday after scoring the game's first 10 points.

Marcus Morris and Jon Leuer scored 15 points each for Detroit, and Kentavious Caldwell-Pope added 13. Wilson Chandler led Denver with 21 points.

#### **Bucks 117, Kings 91**

In Milwaukee, Mirza Teletovic scored 22 points and matched his career high with seven 3-pointers, Giannis Antetokounmpo added 17 points, eight assists and eight rebounds, and Milwaukee beat short-handed Sacramento.

Jabari Parker had 19 points for the Bucks, who pulled their starters after three quarters.

Garrett Temple scored 19 and DeMarcus Cousins had 15 in the first half for the Kings, who slipped to 0-4 on their five-game road trip and gave up 100 points or more for the sixth consecutive game.

Leading 61-48 at the half, the Bucks opened the third quarter with a 21-3 run.

## NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers to visit White House next week

**WASHINGTON** (AP)— The Cleveland Cavaliers are coming to the White House.

The White House says President Barack Obama will welcome the reigning NBA championship team on Thursday, two days after the presidential election.

Obama extended the in-

vitation last June, after the Cavaliers won the 2016 NBA title by defeating the Golden State Warriors.

In a congratulatory telephone call to Cavs head coach
Tyronn Lue, Obama invited the team to celebrate the championship with him at the White House before he leaves office.

## Yuko rules Club Lao golf tournament

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Yuko Togawa was named Club Lao champion after beating men's

division winner J.J. Atalig in a match play during the 2016 Club Lao Charity Golf Tournament held late last month at the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort.

Togawa took the club championship as she went 2-up against Atalig in the finale last Oct. 30 on the east course of the Kagman facility. Togawa also ruled the women's division match play, besting seven other players.

The daughter of veteran golfer Noriko Togawa moved two wins away from topping the women's field after eliminating Sherlyn Jones, 3-2, last Oct. 29 on the east course. Yuko then moved to the west course to play Yong Sook Kwon, who downed Sun Sook Kim in the other pairing 1-up. Yuko prevailed anew, 2-up to arrange a title showdown against Yuri Kim.

Yuri advanced to the finals after ousting Shiori Onoue, 6-5, and Young Im Jeon, 6-5. Jeon earlier defeated Mi Na Park, 3-2, to set a semis tiff against Yuri, who eventually lost to Yuko in the finals on the east course, 3-4.

Over on the west course, Atalig edged Feng Chun Jin in the men's division finals, 1-up. Atalig gained the finals entry after knocking off Joon Hoon Park, 4-3, and Harry Nakamura, 3-2, in the lower half of the bracket

At the upper half, Jin barged into the finals following his victories over Eric Mandell, 7-6, and Dong Young Lee, 1-up. Lee moved into the semis after booting out Seung Woo Kang, 3-2, while Nakamura made it to the Final Four with his 3-2 triumph against Freddie Cataluna.

## Ryan throws for 4 TDs to lead Falcons over Bucs, 43-28



TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—About 100 Atlanta Falcons fans lingered in the stands

at Raymond James Stadium, chanting "MVP! MVP! MYP!" as Matt Ryan returned to the field for post-game interviews.

The NFL's passing yardage leader was nearly flawless again Thursday night, throwing for 344 yards, four touchdowns and no interceptions to help the NFC South leaders tighten their grip on first place with a 43-28 victory over the Tampa

Bay Buccaneers.

"He had a real locked-in look about him," Falcons coach Dan Quinn said. "Matt's really been on point with where to go with the ball."

Julio Jones had eight receptions for 111 yards and a TD as the Falcons (6-3) avenged a 31-24 season-opening loss to the Bucs (3-5) in Atlanta. Tampa Bay has dropped two straight on the heels of a three-game winning streak that got them back in the division race.

"They played a little better than we did that day. I feel like

we have continued to improve," Ryan said. "For me, the best thing from a confidence standpoint is that we continue to get better, week in and week out."

Jones, who's closing in on another 1,000-yard receiving season with 970 through nine games, caught a 3-yard scoring pass in the third quarter, when Ryan led TD drives of 86 and 82 yards to break it open.

Levine Toilolo, Patrick Di-Marco and Austin Hooper also caught TD pass from Ryan, who leads the NFL with 2,980 yards and 23 touchdowns vs. four interceptions.

Jameis Winston threw for 261 yards and three touchdowns for Tampa Bay, including scoring passes of 3 and 24 yards to Evans, who had 11 receptions.

Both of Tampa Bay's young stars finished the game on the sideline, with Evans being evaluated for a possible concussion and Winston limping off after being shaken up when he was tackled trying to score on a twopoint conversion play with just under seven minutes remaining.

Koetter didn't provide much

Evans was in the concussion protocol after taking a hard hit along the sideline after making a catch in the fourth quarter. Winston was tackled around the ankle by Atlanta's Brooks

of an update on either's condi-

tion, other than to say "Jameis

told me he's fine" and that

Reed and also hit by cornerback Jalen Collins. The first overall pick in last year's draft said he was fine and did not leave the game because of injury.

"The coach took me out," said Winston, who later did a little dance move to demonstrate to reporters that he was OK.

Mike Glennon finished up for the Bucs, taking his first regular season snaps since 2014. He threw a late TD pass to Cameron Brate to cut into a 23-point deficit.

**RING OF HONOR:** The Bucs inducted former safety John Lynch into the team's Ring of

Honor. Together with Hall of Famers Warren Sapp and Derrick Brooks, Lynch formed the foundation of a dominating defense that helped transform Tampa Bay from the laughingstock of the NFL into a Super Bowl champion. A nine-time Pro Bowl selection and a finalist for the Pro Football Hall of Fame last winter, Lynch played for the Bucs 1993 to 2003 and the Denver Broncos from 2004 to 2007. He was inducted into the Broncos Ring of Honor earlier this month.

NO CONFIDENCE?: The Bucs defense yielded 626 yards, including 513 passing, during last week's 30-24 overtime loss to Oakland. That may have contributed to the decision Thursday night to decline a 15-yard face mask against the Falcons, settling for Matt Bryant kicking a 41-yard field goal for a 13-7 Atlanta lead instead of giving Ryan a chance to convert third-and-22 from the Tampa Bay 38

#### **ALI'I**

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Cavite led early in the game after holding Ali'i Blue Haus to three field goals in the first 10 minutes of play. However, Cavite's own offense also slowed down in the second half with gunners Preston Basa and Dar Barcinas failing to hit baskets in streaks. Basa, who made his first triple in the match, was without a field goal in the second and was held to one triple apiece in the third and fourth frames. Barcinas was also limited to one basket in the first, third, and fourth cantos.

Marvin Rabauliman, another 40-and-under player recruited by Cavite to reinforce the mas-

Cui joined the 2016 Dee

Clayton Classic, too, and pre-

vailed in the figure category

first before placing runner-up

in the bikini open division to

bag the NMSA Female Ath-

ters players on the team, struggled in his second game in the league, drilling only one field goal and a free throw.

In contrast, Ali'i Blue Haus got double figures from its reinforcements with Devero and Bart Demapan logging 13 points apiece. Demapan took over from Devero in the fourth canto, nailing three field goals, while veterans Elmer Esdrelon and Junar Guiab also stepped up to finish off Cavite. Esdrelon contributed 11 markers, while Guiab had 10.

In the second game, 8th Division/MAFEA gained its third straight victory after a similar twin-digit winning margin against PC Bargain/ Visminda, 77-58.

8th Division (4-2), which

Meanwhile, the NMSA

Student Male Athlete of the

Month plum went to Suzuki

swims in the Northern Mari-

ana Islands Swimming Fed-

eration Opening Meet held

last month at the Kan Pacific

his record-breaking

lete of the Month award.

led by only 5 after the third canto, 59-54, spread the wealth in the fourth quarter to whip PC Bargain (1-5). The streaking squad had eight players making it to the board in the final frame, while PC Bargain bled for points, canning only two baskets off Albert Reyes and Romualdo Alegre's field goals.

PC Bargain played without its top scorer James Villacrusis, leaving a big hole on the team's offense, while 8th Division had no trouble getting contributions from its players with Kelvin Fitial, Alex Lauron, Maverick Itibus, Rodney Catalla, and Jun Tabora finishing in double figures.

#### **First Game**

Swimming Pool.

Ali'i Blue Haus 78 — De-

The Tanapag Elementary

School student set new marks

in the 100m and 200m free-

style events in the boys 9 to 10

age group. Suzuki timed in at

2:24.58 in the 200m freestyle

to shatter the five-year mark of

SSC's Kento Akimaru. Aku-

mapan 13. Devero 13. Esdrelon 11, Guiab 10, Mendoza 8, Manalo 8, Santos 7, Barbo 4, Pagarao 4.

Cavite 54 — Barcinas 10, Basa 10, Iglecias 8, Ocampo 8, Renguul 6, Laguindam 5, Rabauliman 5, Palacios 4.

Scoring by quarters: 9-15, 25-27, 51-37, 78-54.

#### **Second Game**

8th Division 77 — Fitial 12, Lauron 11, Itibus 10, Catalla 10, J. Tabora 10, Tenorio 8, Alipio 6, Diaz 2, D. Tabora 2, Abadilla 2, Esalan 2, Sanchez

PC Bargain 58 — Reyes 19, Jo. Villacrusis 13, Alegre 12, Manibusan 11, Abadilla 2.

Scoring by quarters: 21-16, 38-35, 59-54, 77-58.

maru's record of 2:28.04 was made on Oct. 15, 2011.

For his second age group Suzuki submitted 1:06.93, which is nearly a second faster than the 1:07.91 of Tsunami Saipan's Ryuto Yanai, who graced the CNMI record books on March 22, 2014.

#### **TWIN**

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was also way ahead on points, 12-0, before Roman surrendered. Shane, in the other semis pairing, won on points against Stanley Iakopo, 8-2.

The gold medal win was Camacho's third, as he earlier prevailed in his opening match against Phil David, who tapped out (head-andarm lock) at the 2:43 mark of the one-sided bout. Had David survived, he would have still lost, as Camacho was winning on points, 11-0.

In the other preliminary results in the middleweight category, Shane coasted to a 10-0 victory over Peter Mendiola, while Roman also shut down Vince Masga, 4-0. Masga took the bronze medal although he and Roman failed to score a single point in their consolation bout and rematch as the former got the nod from referee and BJJ black belt Mike Ulloa of Spike 22.

In the heavyweight class finale, Camacho stopped Roman on a rear-naked choke early in the match. The twotime gold medalist had a slight

edge on Roman, 2-0, before he pulled the plug on his foe.

Camacho set up a gold medal bout against Roman in the heavyweight division after the former clobbered Lil John Aguon in the semis, 24-0. Roman also prevailed on points against Trench Tech president Cuki Alvarez in the other Final Four pairing, 14-0. Cuki settled for the bronze medal following his 7-2 victory over Aguon in the consolation match.

Four other fighters entered the heavyweight class with one of the division's favorites-Kelvin "The Big Hit"

Fitial—pushed to the exit door early after bowing to Aguon, 0-11. Josh Castro also registered for the division and got a free pass to the next round after a no show from Anthony Rivera. Cuki had a similar victory via forfeit over Nate Untalan and then the Trench Tech head booted out Castro with his 3-0 triumph to arrange a semis showdown against Ro-

Meanwhile, five other weight classes were featured in AOW 11 and results will be reported on Saipan Tribune later this week.

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# Art of War 11: Submission Grappling/BJJ Tournament

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Giovanni Taitingfong, left, uses his arms and legs to neutralize Andres Camacho during their flyweight bout in the Art of War 11: Submission Grappling/BJJ Tournament last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



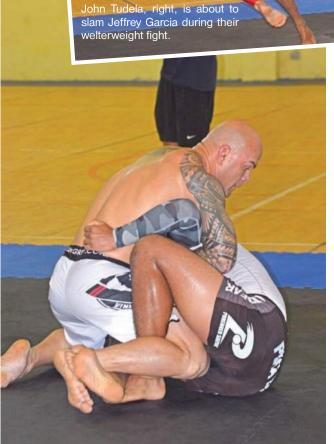
Kenji Okiyama, right locks L.J. Naputi's feet during their lightweight fight.



Nick Cruz, left, and Derrick Rangamar grapple during their featherweight match.



Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez, left, tries to get a hold of Stanley lakopo.



Stanley lakopo, left, has the advantage in position against Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez during their welterweight semis showdown.



Referee Frank Camacho, center, raises the arm of Vince "The Clinch" Masga, who defeated Joel Subang in their welterweight bout.

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#### Bodybuilders, swimmer Suzuki get October award

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Bodybuilding's Aaron Tomokane and Jennifer Cui and Saipan Swim Club's Jinno-

suke Suzuki were named the top athletes of October during the Northern Marianas Sports Association's meeting last Thursday at the conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Tomokane took the NMSA Male Athlete of the Month plum for dominating the 2016 Dee Clayton Classic as he clinched the middleweight division crown in last month's competition (bodybuilding). The 23-year-old Tomokane, who was selected by the Commonwealth Bodybuilding Federation to represent the CNMI to the 8th World Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championships in Pattaya, Thailand this month, also brought home the overall championship in the same event.

The Gold's Gym trainer defeated Donivan Mendiola in the middleweight class and was adjudged the best poser in his category. For the overall championship, Tomokane also downed Mendiola, Stanley Iakopo, and former winner Jun Riodique.

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO Saipan Swim Club's Jinnosuke Suzuki won the NMSA October Athlete of the Month.

# Twin wins for 'The Crank'



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rank "The Crank" Camacho made the most out of his short trip to Saipan after ruling two weight classes in last Saturday's Art of War 11: Submission Grappling/BJJ Tournament held at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Guam-based Camacho topped the middleweight and heavyweight divisions after defeating Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez and Roman "Sonic Boom" in the finals, respectively.

In the middleweight gold medal match, Camacho was up on points, 7-3, going into the last two minutes of the five-minute bout and managed to finish off Shane with a triangle. Camacho, who stayed on the island just over the weekend,

moved into the title bout after Roman tapped out in their semis fight with the former employing a head-and-arm lock on the latter in the closing seconds of their Final Four tiff. The eventual gold medalist

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## li'i Blue Haus keeps perfec<mark>t record</mark>

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Ali'i Blue Haus/Bayani is still unbeaten in the 2016 UFO/IT&E Inter-Organizational Basketball League following a 78-54 rout of Cavite last Q Thursday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

With its undefeated record in five games, Ali'i Blue Haus kept the top spot in the nine-team field, while Cavite continued its roller-coaster performance in the league after dropping to a 2-3 mark. Ali'i Blue Haus got its fourth win after downing Cavite and the fifth over Maplas (via default last Saturday).

After making only 9 points in the first quarter, Ali'i Blue Haus went down to business in the second half en route to its 24-point winning margin. The league-leading team outgunned Cavite in the third canto, 26-10, turning a 25-27 halftime deficit to a 51-37 advantage, entering the final

Ivan Devero, who was scoreless in the first half, anchored Ali'i Blue Haus' breakaway in the third frame, firing 8 points the pivotal quarter. Manalo Manalo

also helped out in the third, adding 6 after being held to a free throw in the first period, where Ali'i Blue Haus fell behind, 9-15.

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Ali'i Blue Haus' Junar Guiab, third left, attempts a reverse layup against Cavite's Alex Ocampo, second left, and Marvin Rabaulimann, right, during the third quarter of their game in the UFO caging last Thursday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

